

Israeli election seems certain

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Labor party leader Shimon Peres said Monday he will delay introducing a motion of non-confidence in the Likud-led government of Yitzhak Shamir until later this week.

But the possible — many say likely — toppling of Shamir's government may simply be a formality, as the prime minister made clear Saturday, when he said he wants early elections, possibly in June, and prefers not to resign, a move that would leave his minority coalition a weak, transitional government.

In any event, Shamir lost his parliamentary majority Sunday. His support in the 120-seat Knesset was cut to 59 when the far-right Teyiha

and Moledet parties made good on their threats to withdraw their combined five seats from Likud as a protest against the Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Shamir also said he would not allow the crisis to disrupt the peace process. Peres urged him to suspend the talks until after the vote, saying it would be impossible to negotiate during an election campaign and that the Arabs would not talk to a caretaker government.

Multilateral talks are scheduled to resume in Moscow next Tuesday, with Canada as one of 15 observer nations.

Shamir told Likud cabinet members to prepare for an early vote, perhaps on June 9. Israel had sched-

uled a general election for November.

The trigger for the crisis was pulled when party leaders Yuval Ne'eman of Tehiya and Rehav'am Ze'evi of Moledet submitted letters of resignation to the cabinet at its weekly Sunday session. The resignations took effect Tuesday (Jan. 21).

Both parties have been bitter opponents of the peace talks and oppose limited self rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, fearing autonomy would lead to an independent Palestinian state on Israel's borders.

Both want Israel to annex the territories, while Moledet wants the forced expulsion of the regions' 1.7 million Palestinians.

According to *Associated Press*, Ze'evi shouted "You are a creep!" at Health Minister Ehud Olmert at the cabinet meeting, after Olmert called Ze'evi's position on the Palestinians immoral.

Shamir spelled out what had been only intimated in the past few days: he is against relying on a leftist safety net and against trying to extend the government's life without a parliamentary majority.

His clear preference, he said, is early elections, if at all possible by consent of most of the Knesset's parties.

The prime minister said he hopes the crisis would not interfere with Washington's granting Israel the loan guarantees for immigration absorption it has requested.

"The crisis, like it or not, is a fact," said Shamir. "Our need for the guarantees is likewise an established fact and I hope that we shall secure the guarantees."

Shamir said if Likud nominates him, he will run again for prime minister. Should his party win the elections, Shamir said, he would no longer recommend the setting up of a national unity government, "as previous experience has showed, the two major parties are ideologically much too far removed."

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Police Minister Ronni Milo, both close supporters of Shamir, spoke over the weekend about elections in early June.

Party primaries may begin as soon as Feb. 19. Peres is likely to be challenged for the Labor leadership by former leader and prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is seen as having a good chance of winning.



MASK OF VIOLENCE

A masked Palestinian youth holds a glass bottle and stones during a recent demonstration in the West Bank. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Shaareh Haim plan designed to save shul

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A financial rescue proposal may prevent the closing of Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill in 60 days, the congregation's president Dr. Sheldon Rotman, has told *The C.N.*

Under the plan, United Synagogue Day School, which has a campus at the synagogue, will put up \$1.5 million and eight Conservative synagogues in the Ontario region will provide another \$500,000.

Rotman said the total restructuring package amounts to \$4.85 million, leaving Shaareh Haim to sustain \$2 million, which it can do out of revenues, he said, and to finance another \$850,000.

"It's a really tight situation," he said. "I'm optimistic that there will be a restructuring, with the bank as a major player, but whether it will be this proposal I don't know. The bank is the final arbiter of the restructuring."

The rescue package, approved by a 92 percent majority at a synagogue membership meeting Jan. 9, was described by Rotman as "proposal number 999.9" worked out over a period of 18 months.

The existence of the synagogue is at risk, its president said. But whatever the outcome of the rescue plan for the synagogue, the USDS school, with its 200 students, will continue there until the end of the term in June, he said.

If the plan is accepted, USDS will move from being tenant to a 50 percent partner with the synagogue.

Another feature of the rescue requires Shaareh Haim to give up the rest of its

phase one building (the sanctuary) by 1995 to accommodate the growing enrolment of USDS which at this campus, now goes only to Grade 3. This means that Shaareh Haim is required to raise \$150,000 a year for three years (until 1995) and USDS will contribute \$500,000 toward the cost of a new sanctuary. The present sanctuary, on the second floor, will be converted to classrooms. Before 1995, when that space becomes available, USDS will put up portables on the site.

Rotman attributed the synagogue's financial woes to the "deep recession" which cut deeply into the sales of houses in the area and prevented builders and developers from donating as much to the building fund as they had hoped.

The recession cost the synagogue \$750,000 in interest, as it had to borrow mortgage money at 14 percent, Rotman said.

The "economic climate" was blamed by Rabbi Lawrence Troster, the synagogue's full-time rabbi, for the problem. The membership consists mainly of young families (the average age of members is 34) and some have lost their jobs and their homes, requiring them to withdraw, or ask for relief from paying full fees, he said. The whole Jewish community has been hit, Rabbi Troster said, and Shaareh Haim is the bell-wether in this respect.

He was optimistic that the bank would accept the new financial plan and that Shaareh Haim Synagogue's membership would grow from its present level of 306 families to 400-450 families, once the community understands that its financial insecurity is at an end.

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Electoral reform bill sent back to committee

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Knesset voted by a comfortable margin last week to send a controversial electoral reform bill back to committee.

The measure, which provides for the direct election of the prime minister, is opposed by Likud, supported by the opposition Labor Party and has divided the smaller parties of the coalition.

It had passed its second reading two weeks ago by a single vote and was up for its third and final reading. Instead, the lawmakers voted 60-54 to return the draft legislation to the Likud-controlled Legal Committee, from where it emerged only after strong prodding by Labor.

Committee chairman Uriel Lynn of Likud provided a letter stating that the bill would go before the plenum for its third reading no later than March 3.

But Lynn's refusal to read the letter into the Knesset record raised doubts. Advocates of the bill worried that despite the letter, Likud would contrive to keep the legislation buried indefinitely.

The measure probably would have been defeated if voted on Monday, because the Likud Knesset faction was bound by party discipline to oppose it. It was a single Likud dis-

sender, Deputy Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who guided it back to committee, where at least it remains alive.

Netanyahu, who is attached to the Prime Minister's Office, had been one of Likud's fastest rising young stars until he clashed with his party over electoral reform.

He was warned by Knesset colleague Ariel Weinstein at a Likud faction meeting that his "future would not be assured in the party" if he did not toe the line.

Netanyahu nevertheless rescued the reform bill with the help of three National Religious Party Knesset members who support it.

The Knesset meanwhile struck down a series of opposition no-confidence motions stemming from the deeply troubling poverty statistics released by the National Insurance Institute.

Four motions introduced by the Citizens Rights Movement, the Center-Shinui Movement, Mapam and independent Charlie Biton were beaten by a 62-51 vote.

It followed an angry debate in which the opposition factions accused the government of spending billions on settlements in the territories at the expense of the swelling ranks of the poor.

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Canada

CFRB interviews Duke despite Jewish protests

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Toronto radio station CFRB is offering no apologies for its choice of U.S. neo-Nazi presidential candidate David Duke as an interview subject in a broadcast last Monday night (Jan. 20).

As of *The CJA's* Monday morning deadline, Duke was scheduled to be interviewed, via telephone from the United States, by talk show host Charles Adler, beginning at 8 p.m.

After protests were launched by Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, CFRB agreed to one concession: that Manuel Prutschi, national director of CJC's community relations committee, go on the air immediately after Duke to offer listeners a more balanced view.

"We're not interested in his past," Adler told *The CJA* last Friday, referring to Duke's one-time activities in the Ku Klux Klan and various neo-Nazi and white supremacist groups. "That's already been done to death."

"He's a part of pop culture. I'd love to interview George Bush and all the other [presidential] candidates too."

Adler said CFRB chose Duke because "we're focused on what it is about his message that is striking a chord, not only in the United States but also in Canada."

Duke recently ran for the governorship of Louisiana but lost to former



David Duke

Governor Edwin Edwards. Duke did, however, poll a surprisingly large number of white votes, after he softened his views on welfare and minorities.

He is now seeking the Republican nomination for president and avows that his days as a racist are behind him.

Prutschi told *The CJA* that little has changed about Duke since his days as a neo-Nazi rabble-rouser.

"He's just traded in his [Klan] robes for a three-piece suit," said Prutschi, adding that CJC did not feel an interview with Duke is newsworthy in Canada.



LEADERSHIP AWARDS FOR TORONTONIANS

Gloria Clamen (top picture, left) and Sheldon Disenhouse (bottom picture, right) recently received the 1991 Young Leadership award at the 60th Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Baltimore. Clamen and Disenhouse are board members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and received the awards for their extensive community involvement. Tina Sheinbein, of Phoenix, chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations committee on leadership development, presented the awards. [Robert A. Cumins photo]



Rabbis welcome changes in new Ontario health law

TORONTO —

Ontario's rabbis, social workers and guidance counsellors are breathing a sigh of relief now that a new provincial health law excludes them from possible punishment for counselling.

The law, known as the Regulated Health Professions Act, was amended prior to its passage to the satisfaction of Canadian Jewish Congress, which sought to exclude certain mental health care professionals, as well as rabbis, from prosecution and possible imprisonment in the event their counselling led to adverse reactions.

"We got what we wanted," said Lou Lenkinski, who chaired a committee of CJC's Ontario region that lobbied MPPs for changes to the act.

The law received third reading and royal assent late last year but won't go into effect until later this year.

The legislation is aimed at regulating health professions in Ontario and protecting the public from quacks and charlatans.

The law creates governing bodies and standards for 25 health care professions in Ontario and will regulate seven groups not previously regulated, including midwives, audiologists, dietitians, medical lab technologists, respiratory therapists and speech pathologists.

But rabbis and other clergy feared the law would punish them for engaging in pastoral counselling because its original form did not include clergy in

the list of accepted mental health-care practitioners.

Social workers and guidance counsellors had the same concern because they were also not defined in the act as health care workers.

Members of all three groups feared the law would leave them open to prosecution for simply answering a health-related question or dispensing advice on a person's mental or spiritual wellbeing.

The maximum penalty for violating the act is a \$25,000 fine or six months in jail.

But during the bill's second reading, the section defining harm done to a person by a non-regulated practitioner was changed to encompass physical harm only.

The section on counselling was amended to exempt counselling on emotional, social, educational and spiritual matters.

CJC had especially objected to a clause defining diagnosis. That too was amended into phrasing that is acceptable to non-medical counsellors, said health ministry spokesman Al Burrows.

According to Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, president of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of Ontario, the changes to the law are welcome because roughly half the Jewish population turns to a rabbi for advice before consulting a mental health-care professional. — R.C.

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Student group reaches out

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

In addition to the political activism for which Network Canada (an arm of World Union of Jewish Students) is best known, much of the organization's work involves outreach, particularly to students on smaller campuses.

Conventions such as the one held last month at the Park Plaza Hotel here offer students from across the country a chance to exchange ideas, reaffirm their commitment and rekindle their enthusiasm for local campus programs.

In a panel discussion on Reaching Out to Unaffiliated Jews on Campus, Rabbi Michael Skobac, the new Jewish Student Union director at the University of Toronto, stated that outreach must begin with "inreach, ... making what we have so attractive that people want to come to us."

"To do outreach," said Rabbi Skobac, "we need to have a 'transcendent vision.' Every one of us is driven by certain ideas." He cited Israel and Jewish survival as basic issues. "Are these things important to others?" he asked. The ability to make others care about such issues is an integral part of outreach.

Yet often "the key reasons [for reaching out] are the key impediments," Rabbi Skobac has found.

"The intensity of our passion makes people nervous." Indirect communication, such as telling a story, will get a message across far more effectively than being confrontational, he said.

One of the most important things to do is to "pop [other students'] preconceptions," Rabbi Skobac said. "You can assume they've sized you up — as a fanatic, as a nerd. Throw a curve ball. Offbeat programming will meet with less resistance. But you have to be honest. We can't misrepresent who we are."

Jill Borodin, a student at McGill University, said that Jewish student groups try to reach out to two groups of people: those who know the groups exist but don't come to programs, and those who don't know the groups exist.

She suggested that student groups evaluate their programs and services to see whether they meet the needs of the students. Are times convenient? Are the programs varied enough? If your group suffers from negative stereotyping, try co-sponsoring a program with a group that has a good reputation, Borodin suggested.

"You have got to make every person feel comfortable, and every program has to be good. You may not get a second chance [if students don't enjoy the first program they attend]," said Borodin.

Borodin also had suggestions for raising the profile of Jewish student groups. "Make sure you're an official society. Be present at school weeks and events promoting clubs and societies. Otherwise people assume you don't exist. Make sure you're in the school papers. Go on poster blitzes. Do high publicity programming (such as rallies) so people will know what you're about."

Susan Jackson, who is actively involved in outreach work in her capacity as director of community services and youth activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, rounded out the panel with a fast-paced, humor-laced spiel with a serious message on the importance of outreach and the increasing threat of assimilation.

"The Jews in North America have finally woken up and said, 'If there's no Jews, there's no one to reach out to!' Good morning, America!"

With new statistics showing that 52 percent of U.S. Jews marry non-Jews (that's intermarriage with no conversion, emphasized Jackson; they're considered Jewish if they're converted), "this whole outreach thing has changed its whole perspective. It's no longer 'I just want to fill up the room' or 'If you give them a bagel, is it a Jewish program?' It's literally a matter of 'Will your grandchildren be Jewish?'"

Network pays tribute to Hess

By
ELIZABETH SUMMERFIELD

TORONTO —

Every year the Jewish Students' Network-Canada brings together hundreds of Jewish students from across the country to gather at an annual convention.

This is the only opportunity for students from such remote places as Parksville, B.C., Moncton, N.B., and Regina, Sask., to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss what it is like to be Jewish in small communities.

It is also an opportunity for these students to meet fellow Jews from larger centres where the resources for Jewish student programming are available.

Operation Exodus on Campus, one of last year's most significant student programs and successful fundraisers was highlighted at Network's annual convention at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel, Dec. 25-29.

Shawn Kendall, immediate past chairman of Operation Exodus on Campus, dedicated the conference to the memory of Walter Hess who was executive vice-president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Kendall spoke admirably of Hess' unwavering support: "Hess honored the Jewish student movement. The student programs that Walter put on the map were Homeward Bound, March of the Living, and Operation Exodus on Campus to name a few."

In recognizing the huge success of



Shawna Rose (left) and Joey Felsen

Operation Exodus on Campus, Kendall recognized the \$140,000 raised toward bringing Soviet Jews to Israel. He called upon representatives from campuses across Canada to accept certificates in honor of their work on the campaign. The campuses included Queen's, the University of Calgary, McGill, York, the University of Toronto, the University of Manitoba, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, and the University of British Columbia.

Yaacov Paran, minister counsellor at the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa, was also present during the lunch. He brought greetings to the participants of the convention, praising their leadership efforts: "It is important to strengthen Jewish communities around the world and their relationship to Israel, especially in the younger generation."

He commended the leadership of Network, commenting that "without your assistance we could not be facing the challenges we are facing. I thank you with gratitude for all that you are doing."

Joey Felsen, national chairman of Network-Canada, spoke on the importance of an independent movement of Jewish students. Certain experiences during Felsen's years as a Jewish student activist have hit home. When he travelled to Halifax for the Atlantic Region Shabbaton, he saw the desire and the will of the students to learn what it means to be Jewish.

At the General Assembly of North American Jewish Federations in Baltimore this past November, Felsen felt "the people around the table did not understand the desire of students."

Felsen returned to top Network post

TORONTO —

During the final banquet at this year's annual Network convention, the newly elected executive officials began their terms.

Joey Felsen, who has begun his second consecutive term as national chairman of the independent movement, introduced the following students who now make up the national elected executive of the Jewish Students' Network-Canada:

Marc Torchinsky — Western region chairman; Joshua Katchen — Central region chairman; Etzion Neuer — Eastern region chairman; Timna Gorber and Jonathon Mendelson — co-Atlantic region chairmen.

Political analyst, Middle East expert, and keynote speaker at the convention, John Rothmann, the participants:

"I believe and will always believe that students make a difference. I grew up in the States when the civil rights movement took place. This has been a good convention. I have heard people talking in the halls, discussing the issues. It will be even better if you take the issues back to your campuses."

He commended Tannis Weinstein, Network's national director and spoke highly of Felsen, saying he will light a fire.

In his final words, he commented, "They say in Jewish tradition, if you save one soul, you have saved the world."

Felsen thanked several individuals who helped make the convention possible. Of those, he gave special thanks to Shawna Rose, the convention coordinator. Rose took a few moments to express her gratitude to her committee of workers.

"It's been five very long years since I've been involved. I've been in awe all through this convention — hearing everyone's constructive criticism makes me feel everything was worthwhile." — ES

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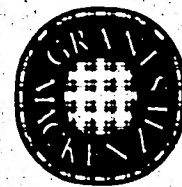
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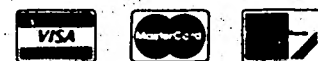
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Canada

Spector appointment causes uproar

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It was one of the nastiest reactions to a government appointment in recent memory.

The fur has stopped flying but many Canadian Jews may still be shaking their heads over remarks made by the Canadian Arab Federation about the appointment of Norman Spector as Canada's new ambassador to Israel.

Spector, a 42-year-old Jewish Montreal native and chief of staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, was named ambassador by Mulroney earlier this month amid a storm of controversy.

For one, reports from Jerusalem had it that current ambassador Michael Bell, who will be recalled to Ottawa Feb. 1 — just midway through a scheduled three-year posting — was "stunned" by the move. Bell was rumored to have learned he would be replaced just three days prior to the announcement.

Bell was widely respected in diplomatic and government circles. A former head of the external affairs department's Middle East desk, he was regarded as knowledgeable and fair.

Spector was seen as a pure political and patronage appointment. His lack of diplomatic experience, however, took an ugly backseat to his being Jewish and, in fact, the first Jew to be named Canadian envoy to Israel.

Almost immediately after the announcement, the Canadian Arab Federation said the naming of a Jew and a Zionist to the post displayed an insensitivity to the problems of the Mideast.

In an interview on CFRB radio's World at

Noon show, federation president James Kafieh said Spector's "only" credential for the job "is his record as a loyal supporter of Israel." He added: "I think Canadians are correct to wonder whether Spector will be serving Canadian or Israel interests and whether the prime minister even cares."

Kafieh bemoaned Spector's "relationship inside the Montreal Zionist community" and his "association with the Bronfman Foundation."

"I believe that his primary interest will be in serving the interests of the international Zionist movement and in supporting Israel."

ing to do with the federation's dismay at his appointment.

"Some of the greatest defenders of Palestinian and Arab human rights are in fact Jews. Mr. Spector, however, is by no means to be confused with these people."

He later told the *Toronto Star* that Spector's religion "is not a factor at all. In fact, a Jewish ambassador could be an advantage since Israel has contempt for the opinions of non-Jews."

Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger and B'nai Brith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant roundly denounced Kafieh's comments.

Spector's appointment was welcomed by Jewish organizations.

BB president Marilyn Wainberg applauded Spector as "an excellent choice" at a critical time in the Mideast, while Scheininger congratulated both Spector and his replacement as Mulroney's chief of staff, long-time Tory mover Hugh Segal, who is also Jewish.

Not everyone in the Jewish community was thrilled by the announcement.

McGill University law professor and former CJC president Irwin Cotler said it was "regrettable" that Bell's term was cut short. "He was doing an excellent job," Cotler added.

Both Segal and Spector attended Talmud Torah school and Herzliya high school in Montreal. Spector, a McGill graduate, speaks fluent Hebrew.

Spokesmen for External Affairs told *The CJA* that neither Spector nor Bell would comment on the rotation until both men are at their new jobs on Feb. 1.

*Religion
"is not
a factor"*

Kafieh said Spector wanted one of two ambassadorial postings: either to the former Soviet Union or to Israel. "And we believe that was because of his interest in facilitating Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union to Israel."

But Kafieh said Spector's religion had nothing

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

BORINS

Borins is the surname of an early Jewish crown attorney in Toronto, recently deceased, and his son is a distinguished federally-appointed judge of the Ontario Court.

It is derived from Borina or Borinya, a village in Eastern Poland near the Russian border.

RANDOLPH

Cynthia Feldman, nee Randolph, of Cote St. Luc, Que., seeks an explanation of Randolph, the surname of her father who immigrated from Poland.

Randolph is an English name of Scandinavian origin that refers to a shield. Its adoption by a Jew was clearly in substitution for a Jewish surname which may have sounded like it.

It falls into the same category as Shawn Ferguson, the name recorded for a Jewish immigrant who, when asked what his name was, responded "Schon vergessen" — already forgotten.

KARLIN

Toronto mourns the loss of an eminent cardiologist, Dr. Sidney Carlin. His surname was a place name (toponymic) — a village near Pinsk in White Russia, which was a chassidic stronghold.

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Former PLO colonel deported

MONTREAL —

A former PLO colonel has been ordered deported from Canada after a Federal Court judge ruled that he is a security threat. Mahmoud Abo Shandi and his wife had applied for refugee status after arriving at Mirabel airport from Norway in October.

Immigration authorities had 120 days to find a country that will take Shandi.

The ruling in Ottawa by Mr. Justice Bud Cullen cannot be appealed. Cullen said Shandi had been a bodyguard of the PLO, and had a knowledge of terrorist activity and drug sales.

Shandi had admitted he was a colonel in Fatah and had been in charge of security at the Bourg el-Barajneh and Shatilla Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon during the early 1980s. He said his life was in danger because he had a falling out with the PLO over its support of Iraq in the Gulf War.

Shandi arrived in Canada with a false Italian passport and no visa. The couple was taken

into custody; his wife, who was pregnant and has since given birth, was permitted to stay with friends.

"It is inconceivable that a man who is as committed to the Palestinian cause as Shandi... would suddenly cease to be involved in a subversive way with this cause of Palestinians if he were given a green light" to stay in Canada, Cullen said.

The Immigration Department in November had declared that Beirut-born Shandi, 37, was "someone engaged in or likely to engage in acts of espionage or subversion against democratic governments, institutions or processes as they are understood in Canada."

This was only the second time such an edict has been issued by immigration since the law permitting the government to block refugee claimants on security grounds came into effect in 1989.

The first case involved an Iraqi couple who arrived during the Gulf War. They were later released.

Shandi's lawyers, Paul Duchow and Noel St. Pierre, denied that their client is a security risk and said he should be granted asylum.

The Federal Court hearing was closed, as was a preliminary six-day hearing in Montreal, and details of the evidence against Shandi were not made public for national security reasons. However, Cullen indicated Shandi was more active in the PLO than he acknowledged.

Duchow said he may challenge the constitutionality of the government's right to declare a refugee applicant a security risk. He said he has trouble with the fact that the information that led to the decision will never be made public and that the accused could not question witnesses.

Under this procedure, Shandi was deemed a subversive on the basis of evidence from officials which was presented to the judge without the accused or his lawyer being present, Duchow said.

JCC day care receives grant

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

The Vancouver Foundation will provide a grant of \$15,000 to buy outdoor play equipment and fencing for the day care centre to be established at the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre now under construction in Kelowna.

Bob Levin, chairman of the Okanagan Jewish Community Association, said in a release that the day care will be set up in conjunction with the Central Okanagan Daycare Society, which operates several other day care centres in the Kelowna area.

Levin said that once the Vancouver Foundation is satisfied regarding the balance of the funding required and start up, the grant will be finalized on or about March 31.

"Both our association and the daycare society are extremely pleased with the news of the grant," Levin added.

In an earlier letter to *The C.N.* Mel Kotler, building campaign chairman of the Jewish centre, said work on the building, which was supposed to have started a year ago, "is finally under way." He said, aside from the fact that we will be overbudgeted and don't seem to be getting much response in the way of funding from Jewish organizations and Jewish agencies, we are proceeding as best we can.

Winnipeg coalition set to fight racism

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

A new coalition has come together to fight racism in Winnipeg.

The Coalition for Human Equality, which officially came into being in early December, is composed of 18 educational institutions and human rights organizations, including the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Midwest region and the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties (MARL). The organization is starting out with a \$15,000 grant from Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada and office space in MARL's offices. A co-ordinator will be hired.

The organizations that make up the new coalition first came together for the first annual Day for Eliminating Racism on March 21, 1990. "We

were concerned that people would come to see racism as a one-day affair rather than the pervasive presence it is," says Heidi Streu, MARL's executive director and spokesman for the coalition.

"We held discussions for about a year before deciding to create a formal organization. Our goal is to raise the public's awareness of racism on an ongoing basis," Streu said. "We also see our coalition as a resource centre for ideas for our member agencies, many with limited resources."

Currently, the coalition is working on the mandatory prayer issue in Winnipeg schools. While the school board for Winnipeg School Division No. 1, the province's largest division, has voted against mandatory prayer, Streu points out the decision is only for one year and the issue will come up again next year for another vote.

McGill professor Irwin Cotler named to Order

MONTREAL —

McGill University law professor and human rights activist Irwin Cotler has been named an officer of the Order of Canada.

Cotler, 51, is director of McGill's human rights program and founder/chairman of InterAmicus, a Quebec-based international human rights organization.

He is also chairman of the International Commission of Inquiry into the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. He served as legal counsel to several leading Soviet dissidents, including Natan Sharansky, Josef Begun, Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak. He has also counselled imprisoned reformers in Latin America, South Africa and China.

In addition, Cotler is chairman of the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East and of the Canadian Helsinki Watch Group.

He was president of Canadian Jewish Congress from 1980-83.

Among his many awards, he holds honorary degrees from Bar-Ilan University, Simon Fraser University and York University.

Last year, he spent a sabbatical in Jerusalem, teaching at the Hebrew University.

At the convocation at York in 1987, Cotler was lauded as "a scholar and advocate of international stature."

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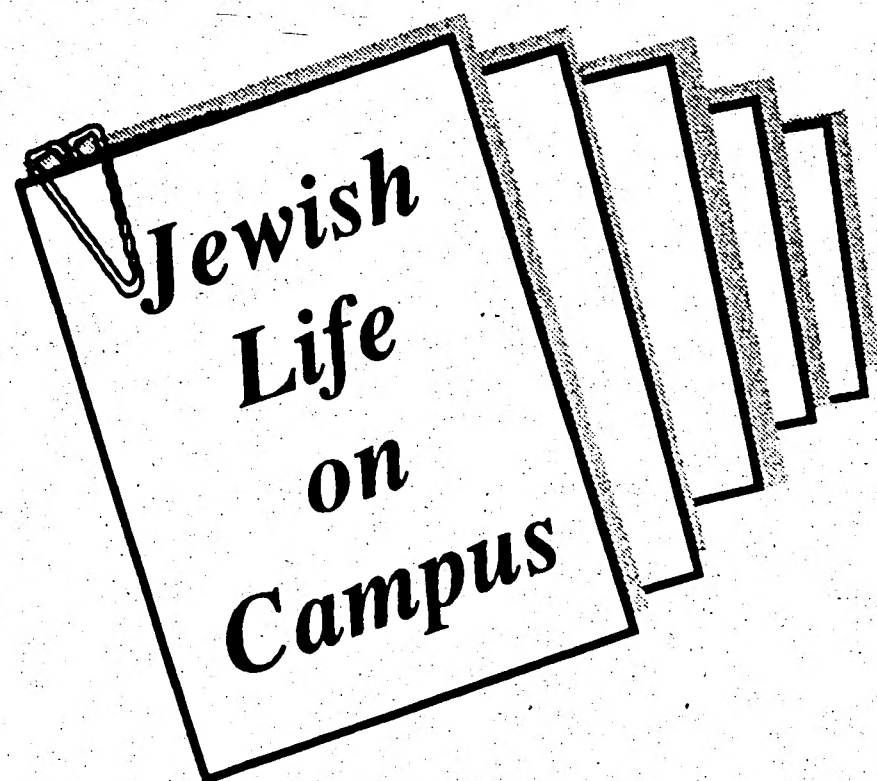
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In our continuing series featuring Jewish life on university campuses across Canada, The CJN this week looks at the University of Calgary and University of Alberta. Frances Kraft reports.

JSA actively involved on U of Calgary campus

CALGARY —

The hub of activity for the Jewish Students' Association (JSA) in Calgary is the Calgary Jewish Centre, across town from the University of Calgary campus.

"We're lobbying for an office on campus," Robert Zadik, JSA president, told *The CJN*.

A number of JSA events are held at the centre. The University of Calgary is a commuter school, with about 75 to 80 percent of JSA members living near the centre, estimates Zadik.

The centre is also home base for their staff liaison person, Hillel director Lisa Itzcovitch, who is also adult services supervisor for the centre. Zadik also works with a five-member student executive.

There is no membership fee for JSA students, 180 of whom are on their mailing list. In addition to the U of C, where the vast majority of JSA members are students, the association serves students from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (a technical college), Mount Royal College and Alberta Vocational College.

The JSA publishes a monthly newspaper, *The Keshet*, and sponsors a variety of social events and political speakers.

One unusual program this year was a Chanukah candle-lighting ceremony to raise awareness about Syrian Jewry. The program originated from Network, the national Jewish students' organization based in Toronto. Zadik said about 15 or 20 people showed up for the program, despite bad timing during finals week.

Last year JSA held an auction at the Calgary Jewish Centre which raised about \$2,000 for Operation Exodus.

JSA programming has become more Israel-oriented, according to Zadik. It is also branching out to more secular issues that concern Jewish students. Zadik mentioned a program on Judaism and the environment as an example.

Anti-Semitism is not a problem on the U of C campus, according to Zadik. Interdating is "quite rampant," but it's "not really an issue [for the students]," according to Zadik. The Jewish community in Calgary numbers only about 5,000, most of whom attend Jewish schools.

"The main goals [of the JSA] are to unite and educate the Jewish students and to integrate them into the community — to keep them part of it," says Itzcovitch.



Pictured (from left) are Edmonton Hillel students Laurie Gelfand, vice-president; Gary Goldsand; Jessica Aziman; and Lesley Mitchell, co-president.

Jewish student life thriving at University of Alberta

EDMONTON —

Jewish students make up less than one percent of the total student population of about 30,000 at the University of Alberta, yet Jewish student life on that campus is bustling.

Monthly mailings are sent to about 180 Jewish students, including some who attend local colleges, said Gayle Tallman, Hillel director, in a telephone interview from her office at the Edmonton JCC.

The Jewish Federation of Edmonton along with the National Budgeting Conference (NBC) of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Edmonton, provides funding for Hillel.

B'nai Brith has made available a scholarship to send students to conferences such as the General Assembly and Network Canada conventions. Those students come back excited, said Tallman. "Some volunteer time at the JCC. We're getting something back from the ones we're investing in. Our community recognizes that these are our future community leaders," she added.

Most of the students are from Edmonton, and Hillel has "a nice relationship" with the Edmonton Jewish community, numbering about 4,200, says Tallman. "We're trying to get the synagogues actively involved. We want to set up a rabbis' forum [as a resource for the students]."

A student cabinet headed by co-presidents Johanna Aziman and Lesley Mitchell meets in the Hillel office on campus, where students are welcome to drop in. "We all work together," Aziman told *The CJN*.

Programs attract about 35 people, said Tallman, "which is very good in our community." She has noted an increase in participation over the past few years, as evidenced by the 75 or 80 students who attended this year's wine-and-cheese opener.

A howlathon last year raised about \$800 for Operation Exodus. Other programming reflects Jewish holidays and Israeli content.

One of their recent programs concerned intermarriage and assimilation, "a big issue in any small community," said Tallman. It's "the biggest issue," states Aziman. "Most of the students from Edmonton feel strongly about marrying Jewish." She adds, half-seriously, "We'd like to import 50 males from Toronto."

Another "hot issue" for U of A students is the Middle East peace talks, which were the subject of round table discussions organized by the Canada-Israel committee and the students. "We're hoping to do a follow-up event," said Tallman.

Hillel marked International Student Week last year with an Arab-Jewish student discussion, which was "non-threatening," Tallman told *The CJN*.

When asked about any problems for Jewish students at the U of A, Tallman said that nothing had been brought to her attention. "There is no anti-Semitism," she said.

Sometimes exams or classes coincide with Jewish holidays, but according to Aziman, who is in her fifth year at the campus, studying special education, "there has never been a problem" getting times changed or missing classes because of Jewish holidays.



Johanna Aziman, co-president.



Robert Zadik, president of the Jewish Students Association of the University of Calgary, presides over the lighting of a menorah in honor of Syrian Jewry.

Immigration reforms opposed

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

National Jewish organizations have turned thumbs down to proposed changes to Canada's immigration laws, which would impose new limits on family-member sponsorship.

Despite objections from immigration lawyers, church and human rights groups and Canadian Jewish Congress, it looks as though the changes will take force, with few alterations, in February, immigration department spokesman Roger White told *The C.N.*

Current rules say a child of any age is eligible for family sponsorship or immigration with his or her parents, as long as he or she has never been married.

Under the new rules, family sponsorship of unmarried children will be limited to those under 19 years old.

Exceptions will be made for university students or for those unable to support themselves due to a physical or mental disability.

"Anytime you narrow the defini-

tion, you restrict immigration," said Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS). "This [new rule] is not helpful."

Davis finds the change "offensive" because "it works against the whole cornerstone of the Immigration Act, which is family reunification."

The change will likely hurt large immigrant families, Davis explained, and will affect Jewish immigrants "the same way it will affect all immigrants."

"If a child seeks to bring his fami-

ly here, he can bring his parents but he won't be able to bring a sibling over 19. That works against multiculturalism and against the extended nature of the immigrant family."

According to some reports, Ottawa wants to keep a lid on growing family-class immigration.

But Davis finds the latest tinkering more a product of random stabs at trying to cap immigration levels than of policy.

"These are not sympathetic changes but they are not mean. They

[immigration officials] don't quite know what to do."

Neither is Davis a fan of how Ottawa is handling government-sponsored immigration.

She said Ottawa's quota this year for government-sponsored immigrants is 13,000, a figure it will not meet.

"I find it bizarre that they can't find 13,000 suitable people. They want people with money."

Davis believes Ottawa will eventually do away with the government-sponsored classification.

Eric Vernon, director of CJC's law and social action committee in Ottawa, agreed that the new rules damage the definition of family-class immigration.

Earlier this month, Congress sent a letter to Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt, urging him to reconsider the changes.

CJC argued that the government seems to be "retreating" from its ambitious five year plan for immigration, set out in late 1990 by Valcourt's predecessor, Barbara McDougall.

Alleged 'Posse' member charged

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Al Waddell, alleged to be a member of the racist group Posse Comitatus, is in jail here facing extradition to the United States for a variety of firearms charges.

He was picked up by the RCMP in early January and has been held in custody, without bail, since his arrest, although a bail hearing had been set for Jan. 22.

Waddell evaded police for six years, after skipping out of the United States just a few hours before he was to have been sentenced. He was convicted of falsifying firearms registration documents, weapons possession and conspiracy. He had been accused of possessing a machine gun, silencers for .22 calibre handguns and for .45 calibre weapons, as well as a silencer for a .380 calibre gun.

According to a lawyer for the Canadian Justice Department, Waddell faces 60 to 70 years in jail, if he is returned to the United States.

It is believed that Waddell, a native of London, Ont., has been hiding out in the Vancouver area. According to the *Vancouver Sun*, he preached on occasions at the fundamentalist Lighthouse Baptist Church in suburban Surrey.

U.S. Marshal Lois Engstrand, who is based in Tucson, Ariz., said the church's pastor Rev. Gordon Hagen, and Waddell were students together at the fundamentalist Bob Jones University Bible School in South Carolina. The school ran into trouble with authorities for not allowing black students to date white students.

Engstrand told the *Sun* she has been pursuing Waddell "off and on" for six years. Although he claimed to be a minister, she said she didn't believe he was ordained.

The marshal said further that she believes members of the Aryan Nations, a white supremacist group which is fairly active in Alberta and British Columbia, provided sanctuary for the wanted man. Waddell was featured on three episodes of the TV show *America's Most Wanted*, most recently on Dec. 13.

Waddell was arrested near the B.C.-Alberta border after the RCMP pulled over a speeding car driven by a Burnaby, B.C., businessman, Anton Theo Blok, who owns a company called Money-Card Security Systems Canada Ltd., which makes floor safes. The *Sun* story said that Waddell lived with Blok in 1988 and wrote advertising copy and did computer work for Blok's firm.

The Department of Justice lawyer said he could not substantiate claims by Engstrand that Waddell is a member of the Posse Comitatus, which is described as a secret anti-government, white supremacist group. "We have learned however," said the lawyer, John Loo, "that he attended meetings of an extremist, anti-government, anti-Jewish, anti-everything group called the Arizona Patriots." Waddell used to preach at the Hope Independent Baptist Church in Tucson.

The *Vancouver Sun* story says Posse Comitatus, which is Latin for "power of the county," was founded in Portland, Ore., in the 1960s and believes that the only legitimate law enforcement authority is the local county sheriff.

The group allegedly advocates the violent overthrow of any government institution which does not implement what it calls "Anglo-Saxon Christian common law." Quoting Dan Levitas, director of the Centre for Democratic Renewal which monitors right-wing extremist groups in the United States, the *Sun* story says the tax-protesting, cross burning members of the Posse have begun to splinter into different factions, calling themselves The Golden Mean Team, in Montana, and The Arizona patriots in Arizona.

Alberta minister praised for views

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has applauded the stance taken by Alberta Health Minister Nancy Betkowski who has rejected the view of her province's leader that official bilingualism in Canada should be abolished.

CJC categorically disagrees with Alberta Premier Don Getty's call for the abolishment of official bilingualism and the scrapping of legislated support for multiculturalism in Canada.

"It is extremely disappointing that a respected politician like Premier Getty would make statements such as this at such a critical juncture in the national debate," said CJC president Les Scheininger. "We do not agree that official bilingualism should be abolished and we would oppose any move to eliminate legislative support for multiculturalism."

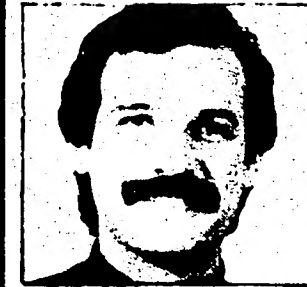
CJC national unity committee chairman Max Bernard found Getty's comments very regrettable. CJC, in coalition with the Italian and Greek communities, has visited each provincial capital in Canada over the past several months and met with premiers and their representatives. The group met with Betkowski in November in her capacity as vice-chairman of Alberta's select special committee on constitutional reform. "We commend Ms. Betkowski for articulating her views in response to Getty," remarked Bernard.

Bernard pointed out that Premier Getty's belief that more Canadians would embrace bilingualism if it were voluntary rather than "forced" unfortunately misses the point with regard to the leadership Canada needs at this time. "Canada is a bilingual country and we should take pride in this," he says.

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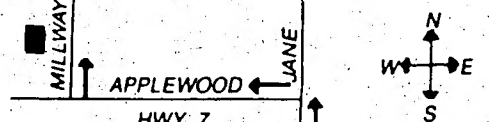
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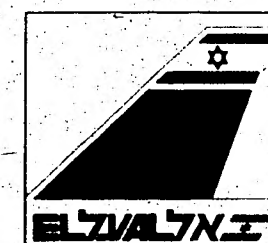
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Va'ad director favors improved kosher system

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The new director of the Jewish Community Council of Montreal believes the 70-year tradition of extending kosher certification exclusively to meat slaughtered here by its own shochtim is a safeguard for the highest standard of kashrut.

Rabbi Yechezkel Auerbach concedes this system does lead to higher prices, but feels that is offset by the assurance it provides consumers.

"The reputation of the MK shechitah is second to none in the world; it's universally recognized as the best," he said.

Nevertheless, Rabbi Auerbach thinks the system is "antiquated" and economies could be made by improving it rather than replacing it, with an "open" kosher market, as is the case in most other North American cities.

"In an open market, anyone can come in and say this is kosher...how do you go about policing this," he asked, noting that there are "charlatans" out there.

The Vaad sees to it that only kosher meat bearing its "MK" symbol is sold in Montreal — a situation that has its critics both among consumers and in the industry.

The only meat (including poultry) sanctioned by the Vaad is slaughtered and kashered by its shochtim who belong to a union called the Agudas Hashochetim.

He emphasized that what the Vaad makes from its meat section — 18 cents on the pound — is "very little" and attributed the largest share of the markup to the fact that the kashering process is "labor intensive" and to the relatively small operations of the kosher abattoirs.

But he recognizes the primary importance of the community trusting the Vaad. "That people think they are being ripped off is a great frustration to me...We are not salting away piles of

money here. No one is getting rich at the Vaad."

He said his door is open to anyone who wishes to discuss kosher meat prices.

Rabbi Auerbach, 41, became the director of the council (better known as the Vaad Ha'ir) at the end of August. The post had been vacant for a year and a half.

He comes to Montreal from the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America — which issues the well-known OU hechsher — where he was responsible for the flavorings and processed fish divisions.

A New York native, he spent much of his childhood in a series of smaller communities throughout the north-eastern United States, as his rabbi father assumed different teaching positions. Rabbi Auerbach comes from a rabbinical line stretching back as far as is traceable. His grandfather was born in Jerusalem, where the family lived for five generations.

He received smichah at Beth Midrash Gevoah in Lakewood, N.J., and spent seven years in Los Angeles teaching at Yeshiva University, after marrying his wife, Suri. They now have six children, four with them in Montreal.

Although he staunchly defends the Vaad's tight control over the kosher meat market in Montreal, Rabbi Auerbach would like to make the Vaad a more open institution, responsive to the religious needs of the community.

For example, he wants the Vaad to become the central address of religious authority, touching more directly on the lives of people. The Vaad is now primarily known for kashrut supervision and as the seat of the Beth Din, but the rabbi says the Vaad could, for example, play a greater role in the verification of tefillin and mezuzot.

Many people are not aware that these religious articles must be periodically checked to ensure they meet halachic standards. He envisages special days

where the public can bring in these articles for inspection by experts of any deterioration.

Other ideas include a referral service for visitors who would like to spend a Shabbat with a Jewish family or to lodge near a synagogue, as well as educational programs.

"People should realize there is more to the Vaad than kashrut," he said.

Rabbi Auerbach would also like to get the MK on a far wider variety of food products than currently exists (far fewer than bear Toronto's COR), and to encourage the local kosher manufacturers to look to tapping into the large U.S. kosher market, thanks to the free trade agreement. He said that market numbers some 6 million, not because

every American Jew is kosher, but because Muslims represent a large segment.

He described the Vaad's relationship with the kosher division of Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto as one of "mutual respect" and "almost reciprocal" concerning non-meat foodstuffs.

He is also pleased that relations between the Vaad and the Rabbinate Sepharade du Quebec have improved. He has established regular communication with Chief Rabbi David Sabbah, who has been invited to sit on the Beth Din for certain cases, such as divorce.

One innovation he has brought in is a "kosher alert" fax network to which more than 20 institutions are hooked up. It enables news on kosher mis-

representations to be sent out immediately.

Rabbi Auerbach enjoys the change from New York to a much smaller community because it allows him to have his finger on every phase of kashrut — "from the time the cow goes moo to the time it's on your plate."

One regret he has about Montreal is the low number of kosher restaurants, although he recognizes now is not the time to open new ones. "I talked at least two people out of it since I came here."

He also has a warning to restaurateurs that kosher may not mean literally clean, but he will not grant certification to "any place I would not personally eat in."



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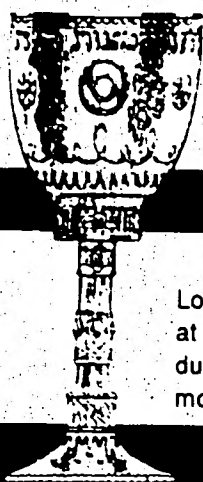
Murray B. Koffler (left), chairman of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science, with H. Thomas Beck, one of the recipients of an honorary doctorate of philosophy at the 43rd annual general meeting. Other recipients were Azaria Alon, Hubert Curien, Jean Dausset, Uzia Galil, Lilian Hertzberg, Dan Mayer and Hans A. Weidenmuller.

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CJC, BB want change in KKK smuggling charges

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Hate propaganda, rather than simple smuggling charges, should be brought against three Quebec men recently apprehended by the RCMP for not declaring Ku Klux Klan publications at the border, say B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress.

The three were caught in the woods Nov. 19 with 1,250 copies of *The Klansman* close to the international border near Stanhope, Que. *The Klansman* has been declared hate literature by both Canada Customs and Quebec Justice Minister Gil Remillard.

The trio were charged by the RCMP this month with smuggling the publications into Canada from the United States, after failing to declare the material at the border. The decision whether to add the charge of spreading hate rests in the hands of the Crown.

"The RCMP is to be commended for laying charges...but this is not enough," said BB League for Human Rights national chairman Stephen Scheinberg. "[In December], we

wrote to Justice Minister Remillard asking for an explanation as to why charges under the hate propaganda sections of the Criminal Code have yet to be laid. We have had no response. This issue will not go away."

Prosecute to full extent of the law

CJC Quebec Region chairman Goldie Hershen said: "We would strongly encourage the responsible authorities to bear in mind during the proceedings against these three in-

dividuals that the materials they are accused of having brought into Canada Nov. 19 constitute, in our opinion, hate literature as per Article 319 of the Canadian Criminal Code.

"It is essential that those accused of perpetrating this kind of intolerance within our society be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

BB government relations director Ian Kagedan pointed to the example of Manitoba where KKK members were prosecuted as hate mongers. BB has charged Quebec judicial officials with attaching "an inadequate level of priority" to KKK activity in the province and a lack of co-ordination among the various police forces and the Sherbrooke Crown prosecutor's office.

Still pending is Sherbrooke Crown prosecutor Michel Pinard's decision on a Surete du Quebec report on KKK activity in the Eastern Townships.

Last July, persons dressed in white KKK robes and hoods distributed *The Klansman* in a couple of Townships villages on the street. In the spring, an earlier issue of *The Klansman* was found in the mail boxes of homes in the Townships.

Manitoba KKK charged

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg police are busting the Klan in Manitoba.

Following a lengthy undercover investigation, the police have charged William James Marcus, 21, and Theron Maurice Skyba, 25, on Dec. 19 with advocating and promoting genocide under Sec. 318 of the Criminal Code under the Hate Propaganda heading. This may be the first time this charge has been laid in Canada since the law was adopted following a human rights convention held just after World War II.

Police have also charged Skyba and Joseph Edward Lockhart, 27, with mischief after a telephone message dealing with homophobia was tampered with and changed to a message attacking gay people. Other charges against other alleged Klan members may follow, reports Crime Inspector Con Gislason.

Human rights and multicultural groups and opposition politicians have been clamoring for action against the Klan for over a year since the first "business cards" and Klan literature were distributed around Winnipeg and other Manitoba communities. Marcus was identified as a Klan leader as early as last February when he gave an interview to a local television station.

Gislason describes the police effort as a deliberate and dangerous investigation. He reports that up to 20 officers were in-

involved. According to their findings, there were about 20 people involved in Klan activities comprising two groups in Winnipeg and one in Gimli, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Winnipeg.

"In a society such as ours, there will always be fringe people attracted to the Klan philosophy," Gislason says. "There has been Klan activity here in the past but no evidence of a continued growth such as you might find in Alberta. In the last couple of years there has been a resurgence. We responded to that resurgence. Our investigations showed the Klan was well connected to other Klan organizations in the United States and elsewhere in Canada."

In making the arrests, police raided six Winnipeg homes and seized a large quantity of material. They also seized some weapons owned by Skyba. A KKK hotline spewing out racist messages was also disconnected. The hotline had been operating openly for several months.

"We are obviously pleased the police investigation is concluded and charges have been laid," says Murray Trachtenberg, chairman of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Midwest region. "We are continuing though with our complaint about the KKK hotline to the Human Rights Commission. We are concerned that although the phone line has been disconnected, it could be reopened again one day. As well, this action doesn't prevent other racist groups from installing other such hotlines."

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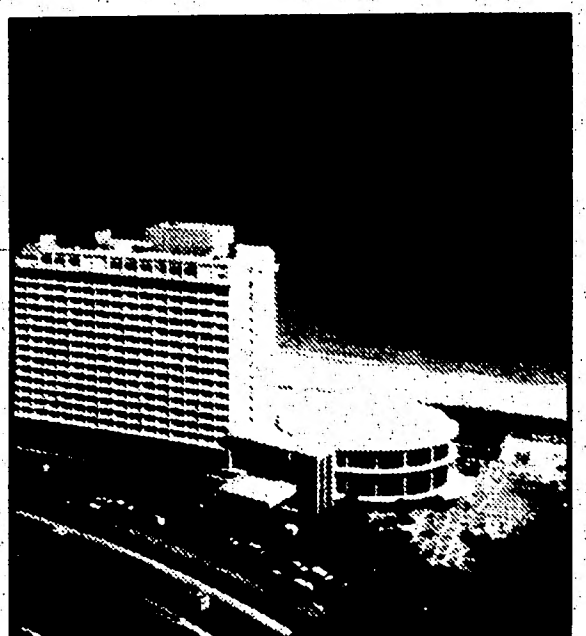
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Tom Beck

H. Thomas Beck, community-minded businessman and philanthropist, was recently honored with a PhD honoris causa by the Weizmann Institute of Science. Born in Hungary and educated in England, where he received a degree in electrical engineering in 1948, the chairman and CEO of Noma Industries Limited, which specializes in electrical and mechanical products, is also national president of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, a position he has held since 1985. He is a past president of the Toronto Symphony and sits on the boards of several corporations. CJN reporter Frances Kraft spoke with him recently.

CJN: When it comes to business, the current recession is at the top of everyone's list of concerns. How do you view the recession — how deep is it, and is the end in sight?

Beck: Businessmen have been somewhat optimistic about it ending for some time. I think the recession is coming to the bottom. The second half of '92 should see our Canadian economy and the U.S. economy on the upswing.

CJN: The business community's been hard hit — what do you attribute your optimism to?

CJN: We've been very hard hit. You can put down the optimism to the Americans having an election year. Everybody is very keen on getting re-elected, so every effort will be made in the United States for the incumbents to have a better chance of getting re-elected.

I think in today's market, in today's world, the only thing that is going to elect the president in the United States is economic recovery. Now, whether that can solve our long-term problems is somewhat worrying.

I think there are some hopeful signs that people from Eastern Europe and Asia will become consumers of goods that are manufactured worldwide, and hopefully that will lead to the long-term recovery.

CJN: What do you think about the GST?

Beck: You know, the U.S. is one of the few countries left where there isn't a GST. You just wonder how long they will be able to withstand that.

In Europe, you have VAT [value added tax]. I don't know about Switzerland, but certainly all the EEC countries have it, and the VAT is quite high.

I think it would be somewhat of a regressive measure to roll back the GST or cancel the GST. The GST has a net effect of reducing the cost of Canadian-made goods to the consumer. You pay five percent less than you did before, assuming that the retailer marks it up to the same extent.

CJN: Has the free trade agreement that Canada has with the United States been advantageous or disadvantageous?

Beck: Maybe some of the terms could have been a little more favorably negotiated, but in my view, it would be unrealistic not to have a free trade agreement.

I'm in favor of the agreement. I realized it would have some short-term negative impact on our own company, but I'm still in favor of it.

The alternative is if you erect high barriers, you're going to have a few rich people who manufacture within those barriers, but the standard of living for the people at large in the long run would suffer. Of that I'm totally convinced.

I've been to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and it's a beautiful city, but terribly neglected, falling apart at the seams. I was shocked to find out that at the end of the war in 1945, the Argentine economy was the fourth-largest in the western world. The free market of South America that was then talked about didn't come about, and the reality became that everybody ended up living under much worse circumstances. If free trade had gone ahead, those people would have been much better off.

Just before the free trade election, I had sort of déjà vu. I said, "Well, the shareholders of Noma may be better off in four or five years, or 10 years, but sure as hell their children won't be better off, and my grandchildren will be a hell of a lot worse off if we don't make this free trade.

And I think that's a reality.

With free trade coming in, mass retailers are prepared to fight established American firms and prevent them from entering Canada by changing their prices and methods of merchandising. And it's not because they are altruistic — it's a question of sheer survival, and good business.

CJN: What do you think the government can do?

Beck: I think the government can do several things. I think, for example, we should look at what our schools turn out. Are we going down the path of the United States, which I hope we're not, that our brightest people become lawyers instead of engineers and technicians because the lawyers make more money?

Law is not a wealth-producing profession, as far as the economy goes. It's a cost profession. It adds to our cost of doing business.

Beck: I think it's better that we enter a free trade agreement so that we get some advantages written into that agreement, because the high labor cost items are likely to move in that direction whether there is an agreement or not. It's a question of whether they are able to produce the quality.

CJN: Do you think the GST and cross-border shopping have played as big a role as some retailers say in loss of business?

Beck: I don't think so. I think it may have been the trigger, but as I mentioned to you, the GST did not increase costs a lot. It increased the cost. I understand, in textiles, there was certainly an impact on that.

One of the problems is that if you put in a bonded warehouse in Buffalo, you'll save a hell of a lot of money over working out of Toronto, because you can get your gasoline at 30 or 40 per-



Maybe more positions should be available in our universities and institutions of higher learning for those kinds of professions, and government should encourage people to go into those professions. I think that's where governments can really help, because that is the only way the high-cost society that we run in Canada and in North America can be justified.

To do any business transaction that involves lawyers invariably takes three times as long as we budget. Everything's becoming so legalistic and convoluted and difficult.

And to think that these are the brightest people. A lot of bright people are there instead of figuring out how to make a better computer or how to reduce the cost of making a widget. Unless the brightest brains go towards those kinds of things, I think we will sort of strangle on our complex way of doing business.

CJN: How do you feel about the proposed free trade agreement with Mexico?

cent less and get a trucker to work for less money over there than he gets here.

I think those are very serious problems, particularly in light of the fact that the vast majority of our population lives within a 100-mile drive of the border.

CJN: How has your company been affected so far?

Beck: We're not American. We've been making efforts to buy companies and enter the United States. We've had mixed results, but we are optimistic.

CJN: What about Israel? Do you have any business interests there?

Beck: No. I've had some investments. The products that we make — Christmas lights — do not lend themselves to doing business with Israel.

CJN: What happened to your investment in Israel?

Beck: It was just an investment. I was put on the board of directors of Clal, the biggest public utilities company. I think one of the biggest manufacturing companies, in Israel. I said, "It's a publicly traded company, it's for profit. I want to be paid. I pay everybody on my board of directors. I'm prepared to donate all you pay me to the charity of your choice. You name it, and I'll give it. I won't compromise."

That was about 15 years ago. I think things are changing now. There is no question. If you're running a capitalistic thing, then you play by capitalistic rules. I mean, either it's charity or it's business, and I think that the twain should not meet. If I want to do charitable work, I'll do it with some charitable organization, but if I'm going to invest, then it should be an investment.

Maybe because it's Israel I'm prepared to take a bigger risk, but the business itself should be business.

Conrad Black invested there. He did it because he thought he'd make a profit, and I understand he is making a profit.

At the moment I'm not investing anything offshore, but certainly if I was going to do that, I would put the scales in Israel's favor.

CJN: As a Canadian businessman, would you say anything can be done to solve the problem of finding jobs for the new olim?

Beck: I know that at the Weizmann, we did special fundraising to give the new Russian immigrants positions, and I think that is something of vital importance.

Two of the permanent professorships just announced at the Weizmann were Russian olim.

CJN: How does the changing face of Israel and the world affect the way Weizmann operates and their future plans?

Beck: I think in those kinds of terms, Weizmann has a tremendous opportunity to increase its contribution. The focus will be on areas such as brain research, energy and the environment, the fight against disease, and sub-micron technology.

CJN: What exactly is sub-micron technology?

Beck: If you take your computer now, the information is contained on a chip the size of your fingernail. Sub-micron technology will cut a cross-section of your hair into 100 pieces and on each 100th of your hair diameter, they'll be able to put as much information as they put on your nail now. That means that you'll be able to have a watch as powerful as a full-size computer.

CJN: What other types of research is Weizmann involved in?

Beck: Of course we have the new Brain Research Institute, which is the first real multi-disciplinary research institute. It's an area where they expect major advances.

The other thing is the Canadian energy project, which houses the newly established environmental studies faculty. The Canadian Society [for the Weizmann] established the solar energy research facility in the '80s.

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It can be of tremendous long-term benefit beginning with our children and grandchildren. For the Weizmann, that's been a very positive thing.

But you know, any research, if it was a cinch, then it wouldn't be done at Weizmann. When you're doing research, it's obviously a little more risky than a commercial enterprise. If a commercial enterprise would do it, then you wouldn't need Weizmann. Research is of longer focus. It takes longer to mature, to bring home the fruits of your investment. So in that case, Canada was very smart. It turned out to be a wonderful investment.

The News In Brief

Olim excel as runners

TEL AVIV — Immigrants from Ethiopia, excelling as runners and tolerant of pain, could bring Israel closer to Olympic medals.

A select group of Ethiopian men between the ages of 22 and 29, all of whom have completed army service, are undergoing intensive competitive training.

There are high hopes for the Ethiopian Jews, who are believed to possess the same tolerance for pain as athletes from East Africa, who have long dominated long-distance running in international meets.

Children killed by parents

JERUSALEM — Every year, an average of eight children are murdered by their parents, who report the deaths as household accidents, Hanita Zimrin, chairman of the Society for the Protection of the Child, claimed at a recent press conference.

She said there are 27,000 battered children in Israel today, although only 10 percent of abuse cases are reported. She noted, however, that new laws passed by the Knesset have increased the number of reports fivefold.

More than 50 percent of the abuse cases reported, she added, involve sexual abuse, generally by close relatives.

Israel may raise taxes

JERUSALEM — If Israel does not receive the \$10 billion loan guarantees that it requested from the United States, the government will have to look into the possibility of raising taxes, requesting loan guarantees from other countries and asking Diaspora Jewry to guarantee loans, says Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i. He adds that the tax increase would probably be in the form of higher income taxes.

Levy confirms China visit

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister David Levy confirmed widespread reports he will be travelling to Beijing next week to establish diplomatic relations with China.

He told this to Israel Radio, after a formal announcement was made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry. While announcing Levy's visit, the Chinese spokesman did not mention the establishment of diplomatic ties.

The Xinhua news agency said Levy was coming at the invitation of Foreign Minister Qian Qichen. The report did not say how long Levy would be in China.



David Levy

Terrorist sentenced

ATHENS — A Greek court has sentenced a Palestinian terrorist to 18 years for the July 1982 bombing of a Pan Am jet, in which a Japanese teenager was killed.

Mohammed Rashid, 42, was found guilty following a three-month trial.

Rashid is the first Palestinian terrorist sentenced by a Greek court, and puts an end to an era in which Greece, under the previous Socialist government, regarded Palestinian terrorists as freedom fighters and allowed them to quietly leave the country.

New laws for hate crimes

LOS ANGELES — Three new California laws went into effect Jan. 1 to help stem the rising tide of hate crimes by stiffening penalties for the perpetrators.

Hate crimes are defined as crimes targeting victims solely because of their race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

One new law makes it a felony to place a swastika or burn a cross on private property for the purpose of terrorizing the occupants.

Russians study absorption

TEL AVIV — In a fascinating reversal of decades of Russian-Israeli relations, three top officials from the Rus-

sian republic arrived in Israel to study how the country deals with the influx of large numbers of new immigrants.

The study is intended to help Russia cope with its own new problem of the movement of large numbers of ethnic Russians from the newly independent Muslim and other states of the former Soviet Union.

Poverty rate rises

TEL AVIV — Although final figures are not yet in for 1991, a report shows that the number of poverty-stricken people in Israel is up considerably and is still climbing.

The number of Israelis living below the poverty line in 1990 reached 537,700, representing 16.9 percent of the population, according to the annual report of the National Insurance Institute.

The figure was up from the 14.6 percent of the previous year and continued to increase through 1991, for which final figures are not yet available.

Drug demand high

TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv methadone centres run by the Health Ministry are swamped beyond capacity, and some of the heroin addicts who cannot get the synthetic drug say they've gone back to shooting up in the streets.

Until new ministry guidelines came into effect on Jan. 1, nearly 2,000 heroin addicts were to be supplied with a weekly methadone prescription issued by physicians.

Recently services were restricted to residents of Tel Aviv-Jaffa only, leaving drug addicts from other towns out in the cold.

Parents may hit children

TEL AVIV — "A parent is allowed to use corporal punishment on his child to instruct him, to teach him proper behavior, to correct him — as long as it is done in proper proportion, with knowledge and understanding. This is not without educational value and is not forbidden by law," a Tel Aviv District Court judge said while acquitting a man of child abuse.

The man had been charged with striking his 11-year-old daughter on several occasions, and of hitting his five-year-old son with a belt and kicking him.

Sex video sells well

JERUSALEM — A "how-to" videocassette on sex, claimed by its importer to be "educational and not pornographic," has reportedly sold 12,000 copies in one week and raised the ire of ultra-Orthodox Jews in the religious town of Bnei Brak who want to stop its distribution.

The hour-long cassette, called *The Lovers' Guide*, is being sold in pharmacies, videoshops and bookstores.

Conscript admits to killings

JERUSALEM — A 21-year Israel Air Force conscript has admitted killing three members of the Lintzky family in Beersheva Jan. 11. He was depressed over being rejected by his ex-girlfriend, but that he had no intention of killing her parents, who just got in the way, police said.

"I didn't intend to kill her father and mother," Adi Rahmanov told the police. "But I was afraid her father would interfere." He resolved to kill Irinia Lintzky whilst in a fit of depression after she decided to break off their five-month-old romance.

Deportees get open hearings

JERUSALEM — The High Court has agreed with the 12 slated deportees that their appeals against deportation be heard in open court, thus giving them a tactical victory over the military commanders who had ordered closed hearings.

The court rejected Defence Ministry claims that open hearings would be a security problem because they were being held in prisons.

The court said the Israel Army could move the trials to more convenient locations if prison hearings were not secure. However, it ruled that the Army could close the hearings when revealing classified information whose exposure could endanger the security of the state.

New voters have power

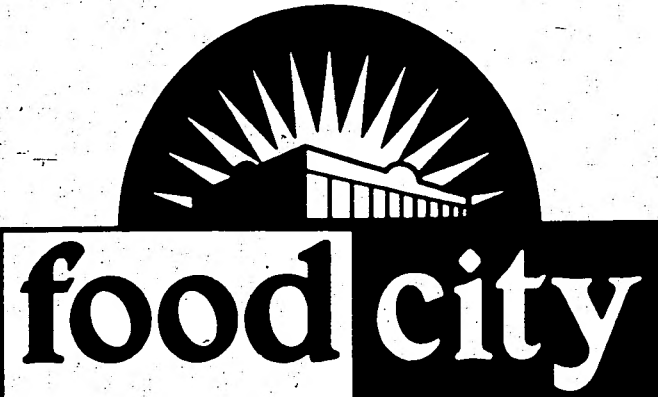
JERUSALEM — The big wave of aliyah over the past three years together with the coming of voting age of young Israelis will translate into a new voting bloc of around 650,000 people in the next election that could have an effect on approximately 25 Knesset seats.

In addition to the olim, each year approximately 100,000 young people turn 18, meaning close to 400,000 young voters have been added to the rolls since the last election.

Policemen stabbed, stoned

JERUSALEM — One border policeman was stabbed and another struck on the head with a stone in separate attacks by Arabs in East Jerusalem on Saturday. Both policemen were hospitalized and said to be in satisfactory condition.

Three residents of the East Jerusalem village of Issawayi were detained on suspicion of carrying out the attacks.



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Militant settlers react to terrorist attacks

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Tension in the West Bank and Gaza Strip seethed last week as militant Jews attempted to erect ad hoc settlements at the sites of recent terrorist attacks, while Israel Defence Force troops tried to prevent them.

It was the settlers' response to attacks by Arab gunmen that have left four Jews dead since the end of October, when the current round of Arab-Israeli peace talks opened.

The situation was further aggravated by the mysterious shooting death of an Israeli Druse on a hunting trip in the West Bank.

The settlers, who oppose the peace talks in principle, were most inflamed by the ambush on a passenger bus in the West Bank. Two radical Arab groups opposed to the peace process have claimed credit for the attack.

Six Jewish settlers, two of them children, and one Arab were wounded when an Egged bus traveling from Jerusalem to the settlement of Shiloh came under fire near Ramallah.

The Jews were passengers on the bus while the Arab was driving a private car just behind it. All were hospitalized. Two of the victims were reported in serious condition.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Islamic fundamentalist Hezbollah each claimed credit for the attack.

It was the second ambush in the West Bank since Oct. 29, the eve of the open-

ing of the Madrid peace conference, when a bus carrying Jewish settlers to a Tel Aviv rally against the peace talks was riddled with bullets. The bus driver and a woman riding the bus were killed.

By a bizarre twist of fate, 12-year-old Dov Wiener, who was wounded in the Oct. 29 incident, was hit again in his legs on the bus he was taking to Jerusalem for a final medical checkup.

Following the ambush, scores of settlers hauling mobile homes tried to establish five settlements in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip.

Five carloads of settlers stoned the home of Palestinian activist Riad Malki, who is affiliated with the anti-peace forces.

The would-be settlers were confronted by IDF troops at each location. Twenty were reported arrested at the Ginal junction, just outside the West Bank city of Jenin, when they refused to leave.

In Hebron, soldiers hauled off dozens of settlers who passively resisted the removal of freshly erected mobile homes, but none was arrested.

At a third site, outside Ramallah, a mobile home and trailer became mired in mud. The army arrested four settlers who refused to leave.

IDF troops surrounded a fourth encampment in the West Bank, waiting for orders from Defence Minister Moshe Arens to evacuate it.

Jewish militants are still occupying Palestinian land near the Gaza Strip.

Israelis favor early elections

By
LEORA FRUCHT
JERUSALEM —

The majority of Israelis favor early elections, even though the results of the voting are likely to mirror those of the last Knesset elections. This is the conclusion of a public opinion poll conducted last week by the Dahaf Research Institute for the Hebrew daily *Yedioi Aharonot*.

The poll showed that 57 percent of Israelis favor early elections — a scenario that is looking increasingly inevitable — while 26 percent are opposed. Seventeen per cent had no opinion.

The survey concluded that if elections were held today the two main parties would emerge with almost identical results — Labor garnering 38 seats, as it did in the last vote, and Likud winning 39 seats, one more than it did last time around.

The right-wing parties would gain slightly, with Rafael Eitan's Tzomet party rising from two to four seats and Rehav'am Ze'evi's Moledet party — which favors the "transfer" of Arabs — emerging with three seats instead of two. The third right-wing party, Tehiya, led by Science and Technology Minister Yuval Ne'eman, would maintain its three seats.

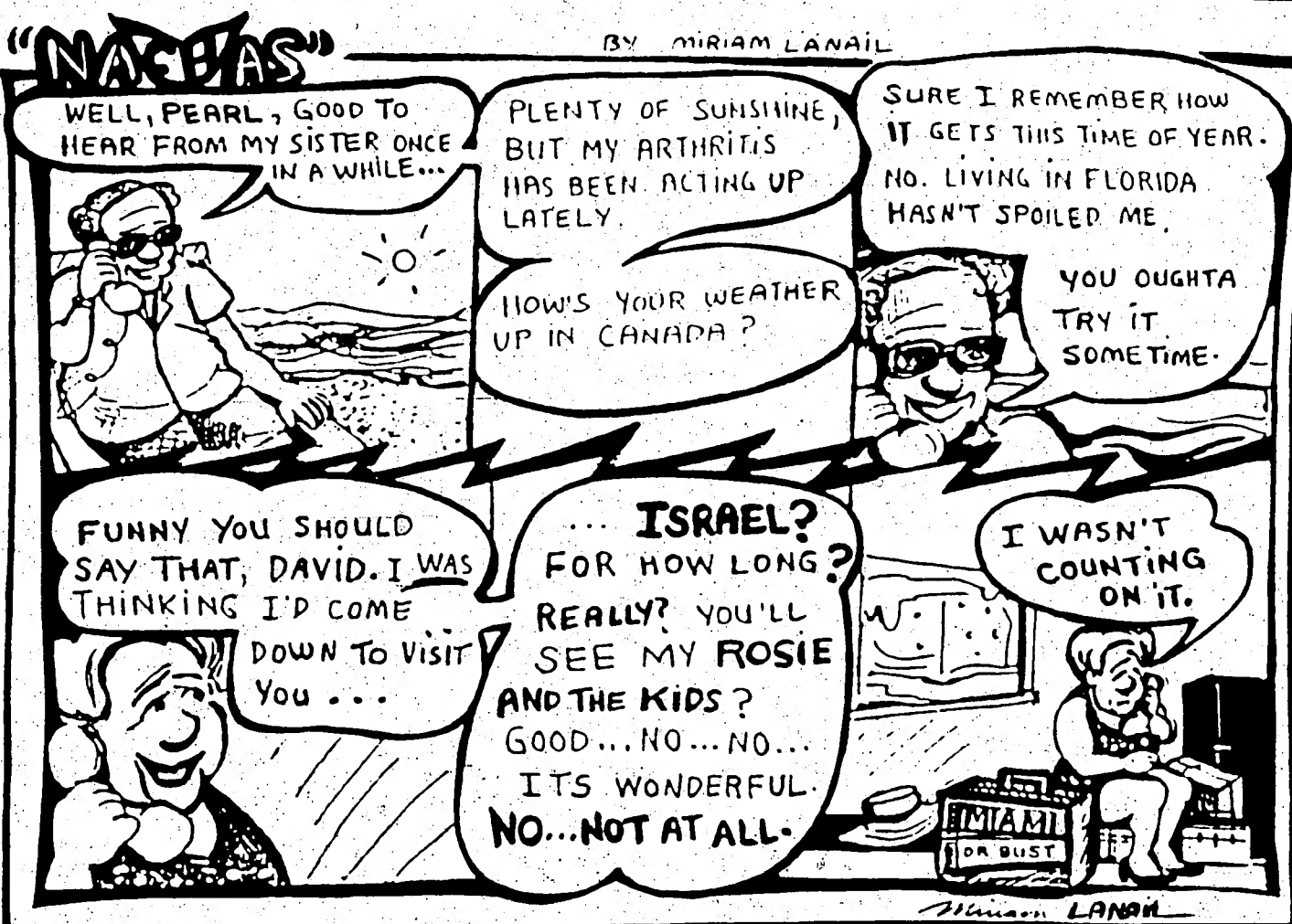
The left-wing bloc, consisting of the Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam and Shinui, would attain a total of 10 seats, as it did in the last election, giving the right- and left-wing splinter parties equal strength. Arab parties would gain one seat, winning six.

New immigrants, who were not included in the poll, are expected to decide up to seven of the 120 Knesset seats — depending on their turnout. Dr. Mina Zemach, who heads the Dahaf Institute, anticipates that the

largely secular Russian immigrants will bolster the right-wing parties and weaken the power base of the religious parties, which hold 16 seats in the present Knesset.

Hotly debated issues such as electoral reform, immigrant absorption and economic problems will all take a back seat in the election, according to Zemach. "The overriding issue will be the peace process," she maintains, adding that "the vast majority of Israelis want the negotiations to continue. Most are in favor of autonomy for the Palestinians, but in stages. They regard peace and autonomy as an experiment; they're willing to try it and see how it goes before making up their minds for good."

As to how this attitude will translate into votes, Zemach predicts no great surprises: "What we had before is what we can expect to have once again."



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Jewish partners often welcome in intermarriages

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

I recently ran into an old friend from graduate school whom I hadn't seen in 20 years. A spunky Methodist from a small town in the Midwest United States, she had come to university when she was already the mother of four children, and since they had always been her favorite subject, I asked how they were doing. She told me proudly about each in turn, and then added with a flourish she felt sure would please me: "My favorite son-in-law is my Jewish son-in-law."

I could hardly believe the coincidence. Two days earlier, at the home of friends, my husband and I had been introduced to a very nice couple with whom we had discussed politics, a new museum show, and, of course, children. They had seven children, three sons and four daughters, and as part of the run-down of their careers and marriages, the woman had said in almost the same words: "And our favorite is our Jewish son-in-law." She, too, having learned that we were Jews, obviously expected that we would be as pleased as she was with this warm bond between us.

My two conversations tell us nothing about intermarriage that we didn't already know. According to a recent large-scale study, 52 percent of all American marriages involving a Jew now include a non-Jewish

partner, and the percentage of intermarriages keeps rising. Hardly a film or a television show does not include such a mixed marriage, and popularization of the stereotype through the mass media is only likely to make it even more acceptable.

But the surprising feature of that echoing sentiment — "My favorite is my Jewish son-in-law" — often goes overlooked amid the statistical evidence. Whereas intermarriage once represented the passage of the Jew from a pariah minority into an often hostile and usually distrustful Christian society, intermarriage in America nowadays generally envelops the Jew in a loving and proud embrace. As a rule, American parents are happy to have their children marry Jews, not simply because they appreciate the virtues of the particular boy or girl their child is bringing into their home, but because they welcome the links that the marriage will establish with the Jews as a people. They like the newcomers not in spite of their Jewishness but because of it.

This new welcoming spirit on the part of many North Americans puts the Jews in a strange position, significantly better, but in some ways more problematic than the one they habitually faced. More than any other people on earth, Jews should be mindful of

the benefits of democratic pluralism. Since acceptance of Jews and Jewishness may be considered the best criteria of tolerance in any society, appreciation of Jews and of Jewishness confirms the remarkable achievement of America. In this sense, the welcome extended to Jews through intermarriage has to be regarded as an unmixed blessing, despite the anxieties that it may engender. The determination of Jews to maintain their distinctive civilization should not be translated into resentment of Gentiles for finding them and their way of life so attractive.

A welcoming America puts unprecedented pressure on the Jewish community, but what is the nature of this pressure? The more eager the American welcome, the more it forces the Jews to define who they really are as a people. As long as the surrounding peoples denied Jews their legitimacy, tried to prevent their individual advancement or to undermine their communal authority, Jews were defined by contrast with others.

Some Jews went so far as to identify Jewishness with marginality, with alienation, with the condition and the experience of disenfranchisement. They turned Jew into a synonym for outsider, as though the content of Jewishness was to be determined by exclusion at the hands of non-Jews. A welcome

ing America shatters this notion, and none too soon, for it was as demeaning to the Jews as the anti-Semites who engendered it. But without discrimination to substantiate their victimhood, such Jews have to find a content for their identity, which many of them are no longer able to do.

In truth, by inviting Jews to intermarry, America forces Jews either to live a meaningful Jewish life or to cease being Jews at all. Any Jew who lives a meaningful Jewish life will not marry a non-Jew because he would no longer be able to live a meaningful life. (I consider a convert to Judaism a Jew.) Marriage is a way of determining priorities, and if Jewishness is a priority, it will never be sacrificed at the point of marriage. To focus on intermarriage is thus to overlook the obvious fact that a growing majority of young American Jews are not living a meaningful Jewish life. That, rather than the statistics on intermarriage, is the proper cause of anxiety for the future of the Jews in North America.

The content of a meaningful life, necessarily more than ethnic coloration, or occasional holidays, or a social set, or even good deeds, is as varied as the possibilities within Judaism. But Jews have never had a better incentive for reinvesting in their Jewishness. Paradoxically, were Jews to give up their distinctive way of life, they would now be disappointing the Gentiles who have come to appreciate them as Jews.



Ruth R. Wisse

ANALYSIS

Germans, Jews are learning to deal with the past

By
PATRICIA RUCKER
(Last of a series)

Dachau is a place I had never wanted to visit. But one bright fall afternoon, I found myself in the orientation centre of the Dachau Memorial Museum, in the company of several American colleagues, our German guide and the museum director, Frau Barbara Distel. It was the end of our 10-day visit to Germany; we were in Munich; and the camp at Dachau, nearby, was a part of the itinerary I had steeled myself for.

It is a strangely sterile place — a windswept open field, the barracks gone (except for two, reconstructed after the war). It takes a real effort of will and imagination to block out the three memorials — Protestant, Catholic and Jewish — at the end of the field, to rebuild the crowded lines of huts, to see and hear and smell the misery of

the thousands of prisoners who lived, and died, there.

For personal reasons, I chose to walk the stony paths of Dachau alone. I took no pictures, wrote no notes. I cried only once, at the matsevah (tombstone) for the Jewish victims of Dachau, near the crematoria. My soul numb, it took several minutes for me to recognize the grief of a young German couple, barely in their twenties, who were standing near me. Their embrace seemed, at first terribly out of place — until I heard their sobbing.

As we stood, a few metres apart, locked in our separate sorrow, I remembered the words of another of our guides. An extraordinarily sensitive young woman, a devout Catholic who had studied in Israel, she had accompanied a Jewish scholar of the Holocaust to Dachau. "We were both sobbing," she told me. "But we could not come near each other; we could not talk to each other; we could not look at each other."

That image, of two separate and terrible griefs, is at core of relations between Germans and Jews, 50 years after the catastrophe that nearly destroyed both peoples. A Jew cannot visit Germany, let alone live there, without constantly remembering what happened to the Jewish people on that soil. Nor can a German encounter a Jew without being reminded of the appalling history of the Third Reich. Which is worse, I wondered: to be kin to the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust, or to be kin to those who perpetrated it?

For Jews, certainly so long as there are living witnesses among us, Germany is a country apart. We see it through two lenses, the actual and the historical. It is at one and the same time, a prosperous, democratic nation, finally reunited and a leader of the new Europe — and the birthplace of the worst pogrom our people have ever known. Everywhere we went, we were walking on graves.

And for the Germans, we were both visitors, to be shown the accomplishments of a nation that had rebuilt from the ashes, and symbols of a people to whom they owed a debt that simply could not be repaid.

That sense of obligation manifests itself in some strange ways. There is a current of philo-Semitism — fascination with anything and anyone Jewish — that is chilling in its intensity. More than one Jew mentioned encountering this attitude to us, with resentment. "They don't welcome me as a person, as me," one said. "It's the other side of anti-Semitism. I wish I could just have a cup of coffee with someone without having to be reminded that I'm Jewish."

There is also an undercurrent of resentment among Germans at the constant reminders of the sins of their parents and grandparents. One Foreign Office official was surprisingly blunt: "What more do you want us to do?" she asked, in some exasperation.

The answer to that question was not ours to give. There is no way a Jew can set limits to what Germans must do to finally convince themselves that they will never again sanction genocide. That is something the German people, and the German government, must take responsibility for.

At the institutional level, it was clear to us that they have tried, and still are trying. Close relations with the state of Israel, an intensive educational program, sensitivity to the concerns of the official Jewish community are all part of the government's agenda.

On an individual level, we also found an effort to reach out, to understand Jews as people, not merely as symbols of German guilt. Our guides were, obviously, chosen for their intelligence and sensitivity. Their knowledge of Jews varied greatly, but they were, almost without exception, anxious to understand our feelings, and willing to discuss them with us, even when it caused them pain.

Part of the difficulty for them was that they knew very few Jews; there are so few in Germany. But very slowly, that is changing. The Jewish day school in Frankfurt, for example, has a significant number of non-Jewish pupils. For these young Germans, Jews are schoolmates, not a remnant of persecution.

The painful relationship between Germans and Jews is one that only time can heal. For this generation, and perhaps for one or two more, the memories are still too fresh, too much alive. But as more and more young people meet each other, as Germany finds its role in the new century, the words of its greatest lyric poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, may prove prophetic:

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.



The two faces of German history are shown here with the tranquil courtyard at the home of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in Frankfurt (left) and a contrasting photo of a victim in a "scientific experiment" at Dachau.

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One step forward, two steps back

The United Nations has started out the new year in a most inauspicious fashion. It ended the old one with a forward step by repealing the infamous Zionism=Racism resolution and initiated this one by having the Security Council "strongly condemn" Israel for its proposed expulsion of a dozen Palestinians suspected of inciting violence. This is the classic one step forward, two backward stance.

It has been noted that diplomatic language is carefully chiseled to reflect political biases. While Israel was "strongly condemned" by the UN body, Saddam Hussein's rape of Kuwait was only "condemned."

The formulation of the Security Council's resolution against Israel is clear evidence of the iniquitous double standard regularly imposed on Israel. The Council vote shows, moreover, that even the democratic nations on the Security Council have succumbed to this moral pathology.

How else can one explain the fact that neither the General Assembly nor the Security Council have ever passed resolutions "strongly condemning" Saudi Arabia for having deported 600,000 Yemenis in 1991. The UN has stood mute, as William Safire notes (*New York Times*, January 9), while Kuwait has deported 350,000 Palestinians since the end of the Gulf War, and, according to Reuters, 319 Palestinian men, women and children in the same week that Israel declared its intention to deport 12 suspected terrorists.

Mass expulsions and deportations take place in Arab countries without regard to the rule of law: in Israel every deportation order may be challenged through the courts. It is only Israel's legitimate use of deportation as a weapon of self-defence that attracts international censure.

Safire is undoubtedly correct when he writes that a false reading of the Geneva Convention is responsible for the Security Council's vote.

"The Geneva Convention of 1949 was directed at Nazi-style mass deportations of whole populations; it has been twisted by Arab dictators to cover the deportation of individual riot-inciters by Israel in territories whose sovereignty is in dispute."

The Security Council has been woefully misguided in thinking that the condemnation resolution — a sop to Yasser Arafat — will do anything to advance the peace process. The only thing it does is rob the United Nations of its integrity.

Film exploitation

The good news is that Jewish characters, for so long banished from Hollywood films, are becoming more and more common in the cinema world. This bespeaks a new maturity among producers, directors and those who provide the financial backing for what is often a very risky investment.

The bad news is that the kinds of Jews being chosen for portrayal on the silver screen are not necessarily ideal model figures.

Thus the choice of Jewish gangsters in a genre which has become very popular in recent years is a natural if somewhat unfortunate development.

This comes to mind in considering the success of *Billy Bathgate*, Dustin Hoffman's recent vehicle for the resuscitation of the life and times of Arthur Flegenheimer, alias Dutch Schultz.

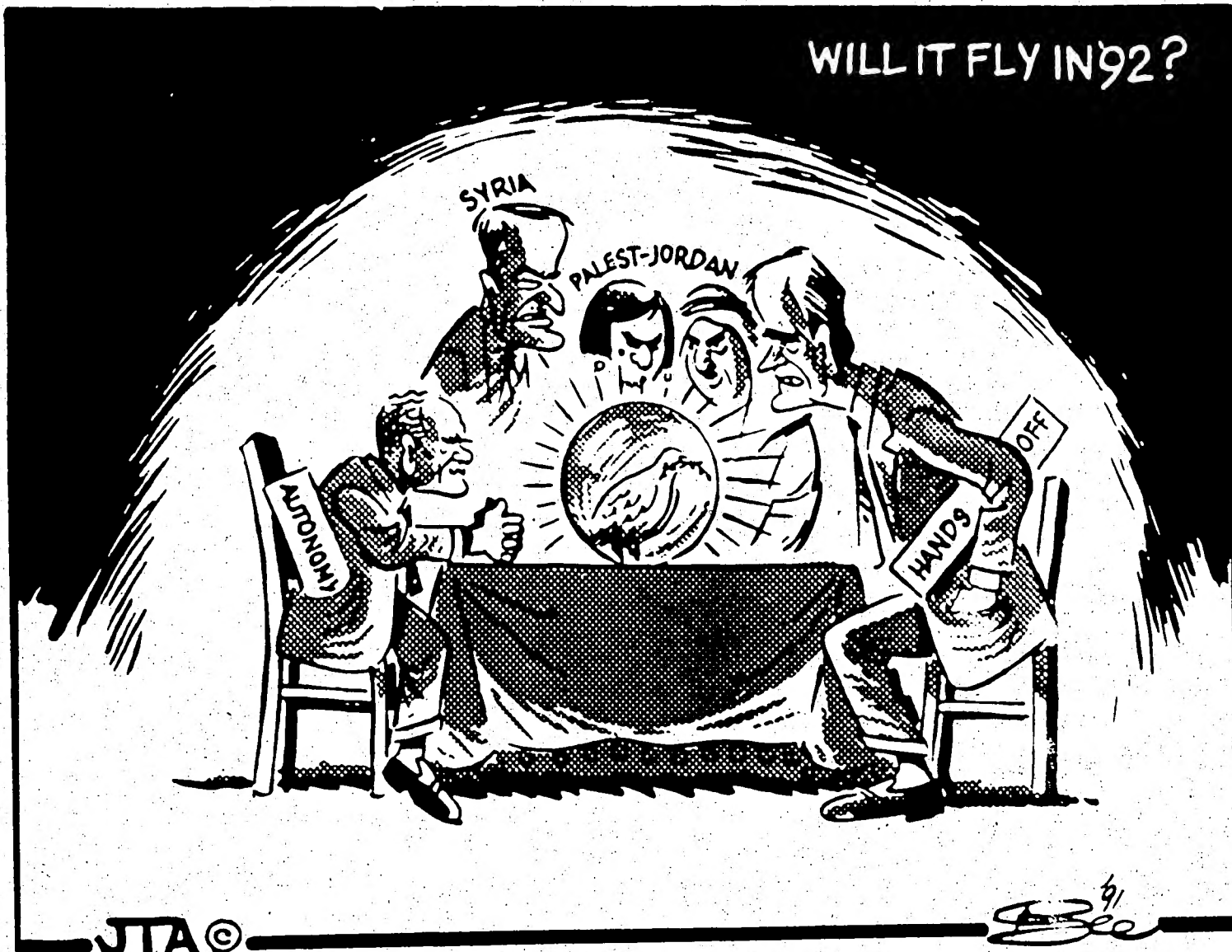
Meyer Lansky popped up prominently in *The Godfather* as the czar of crime in Florida and Cuba. In the highly acclaimed *Miller's Crossing* an unsavory Jewish gangster is the fulcrum of the film's plot.

Now Hollywood is about to spring Warren Beatty on the public with his role in *Bugsy*, the new film portraying the flamboyant Bugsy Siegel and his connection with Las Vegas.

The reprise of the Bugsy Siegel theme, as the *New York Times* notes (Dec. 9) is the ninth such portrait in American films and television since 1972.

It is a fact that a tiny number of American Jews, the products of the immigration experience and the poverty of the Depression years, were involved in criminal activity. They represent one aspect of the Jewish experience in America, an aspect which Hollywood has latched onto for film exploitation.

It is to be hoped, however, that in the future Hollywood will also explore more fully the broader vistas of the Jewish experience in North America — such as those depicted in the "street" pictures — *Hester Street* and *Crossing Daneyce*.



Letters to the Editor

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PLO CRACKS WHIP

So the PLO ordered "Jump," and the United States, in one voice with the UN Security Council, asked "How high?"

We are all witnessing the resumption of the Western World's cozy relationship with the PLO, and the power of a terrorist-operated, well-oiled propaganda machine which presents Israel as the law-breaker, rather than the extremists who force Israel to retaliate in order to protect its citizens.

Nobody yearns for peace more than the Jewish people. The world should be aware, however, that Israel will not surrender its life now in order to be the recipient of beautiful eulogies from its "mourners" later.

The world should also be aware that appeasement has its price — a very heavy one!

Helen Smolack
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Recently the Rabbinical Council of America issued an opinion that cadaveric organ donation was halachically permissible under certain circumstances and with appropriate attention to respect for the remains of the deceased.

As is the case in all loss and bereavement, the untimely and unexpected death of an otherwise healthy individual is an incalculable tragedy. However, this tragedy is augmented when the healthy and useful kidneys, liver, heart or other organs of the potential donor are buried with the remains, rather than being donated in a potential act of "Pikuach Nefesh" to another individu-

al who could benefit from life-sustaining organ transplantation.

If cadaveric organ donation is deemed halachically permissible, one may even ask whether it is proper to withhold organs from donation at a time when individuals are suffering life threatening failure of transplantable organs.

Although in each individual case a rabbinic halachic authority should be consulted, this decision by the Rabbinical Council of America regarding a painful but important issue should be given serious consideration by the Jewish community.

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NEED RENT CONTROLS IN ISRAEL

The Israeli government is pulling out the red carpet to welcome the waves of Russian immigrants. In order to promote their successful absorption, the government is subsidizing each family for an entire year, is planning a massive housing program, and is actively seeking investment funds to help stimulate industry, so as to provide much needed employment opportunities.

In the meantime, however, the heavy influx of newcomers has created a critical housing shortage. This in turn has brought on a serious rent escalation, often beyond the means of low income Israelis, many of whom face eviction.

Economists blandly point out that an imbalance between supply and demand inevitably produces a price hike. Moralists on the other hand, categorically reject this formula, since it fails to consider the role humans play.

It is indeed a sad commentary that Israeli landlords view the severe housing shortage as a bonanza for abnormal profits, regardless of the human suffering engendered.

Jerusalem is not the birthplace of capitalist morality. Rather, it is the birthplace of Jewish morality which is completely at variance with the morality shown by these landlords.

In Canada, most provincial governments have enacted rent legislation to protect tenants from usurious landlords. Why are there no such rent control laws to protect Israeli tenants? Surely, the current situation warrants it.

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Alan Borovoy

QUESTIONS BOROVY'S STAND

In his highly sympathetic review of Alan Borovoy's new book (*CJN*, Jan. 9), Rabbi Gunther Plaut regrets that Borovoy's opposition to anti-hate legislation as well as his defence of those who disseminate militant anti-Jewish propaganda, are viewed with displeasure and suspicion by "some Jews."

The rationale behind Borovoy's stand and actions is the conviction that "unfettered freedom of expression will in the long run protect the Jewish community better than intervention by government and laws."

Undoubtedly, had Borovoy lived in Germany in the 1920s, he would have defended the right to freedom of expression for Hitler and his fledgling Nazi party. Would he have also had the opportunity to defend the Jewish community when Hitler became the ruler of Germany?

It is striking that the majority of lawyers in the American Civil Liberties Association who defend the rights of neo-Nazis to self-expression, are Jews. Dissent was institutionalized in the Talmud long before such notion gained currency in the Western world. However, hate propaganda ultimately aiming at violence, can be tolerated in public life no more than is instigation to crime in criminal law.

By their zeal to fight for the rights of potential persecutors and killers, these Jewish lawyers try to parade broadmindedness and tolerance which borders on foolishness. In reality, driven by a nagging feeling of inferiority, they act like second-class citizens who have to earn acceptance by the majority by displaying a superhuman objectivity lest they be suspected of blind loyalty to their ethnic group.

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Diaspora, Israel must be a strong partners

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Diaspora — the Greek word for dispersion — is an old phenomenon in Jewish life. Already at the time of the Maccabees a large Diaspora community existed in Egypt, with Alexandria being second in importance only to Jerusalem. In the centuries following, during the days of Roman rule, Jews lived in many parts of the empire, as far away as Spain in the West and Persia in the East.

Since the arrival of the new moon (by which the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem determined the calendar) could not be certified in time to reach the far-flung Diaspora, a second day of all major festivals (save Yom Kippur) was introduced to assure Diaspora Jews that they would not violate the holiness of their observances.

After the destruction of the Second Commonwealth by the Romans most Jews resided in the Diaspora. For a while, Babylonian Jewry was the centre of Jewish life and its Talmud became the

major repository of the Halakhah. Centres shifted from time to time, until the establishment of the state of Israel, which in short order became the focal point of Jewish existence. Still, the majority of Jews have continued to live in the Diaspora.

David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, never tired of focusing on this imbalance. "The Diaspora is doomed," he proclaimed time and again. "Come home and settle in Israel." However attractive their current habitat, there is no future for Jews except in Israel, he maintained. Though in lands like America and Canada they may feel secure, that security is bound to vanish sooner or later. Meanwhile, Jews will assimilate and their numbers will shrink. Even mighty American Jewry will share this inevitable fate. This is what the Hebrew term *sheli-lat ha-golah* conveys: the Diaspora has no future.

Off and on this question has been debated in Jewish circles. One side says that there has always been a Diaspora and that, in fact, Israel

would be endangered without it. The other side asserts that even if this was so in the past, it is no longer true that Israel depends on world Jewry. Rather, it is the other way around. Without Israel, Diaspora Jewish existence is tenuous and, since only a small segment has strong religious convictions, Judaism will not suffice to assure our survival as a people.

The discussion has recently been revived in the wake of the Russian and Ethiopian aliyah. There is a great likelihood the 2,000 year trend of Diaspora hegemony will be reversed and Israel will even quantitatively become the largest Jewish centre.

Yoram Dinstein, president of Tel Aviv University, has judged the much touted revival of North American Jewry as merely temporary and insignificant. In fact, he says, there is some doubt that 50 years hence there will be a North American Jewry. He was supported in this view by Shlomo Avineri of the Hebrew University, who said that the inevitable disappearance of the Diaspora

would not be a cause for mourning, since Jewish life outside of Israel was not a value but merely "a fact." Views like these also are reflected in the proverbial contempt that Israelis have for Diaspora Jewry and its assimilationist, "goyish" ways.

My old friend Dinstein is a keen observer of Jewish life, but not necessarily an infallible prophet. I belong to those who believe that in the long run Israel *plus* Diaspora will better secure the future of Judaism and the Jewish people than an Israel standing by itself.

Israel is already the centre, but that in itself does not make everything else worthless. A Jewish Diaspora can and must be a partner with Israel and, as in centuries past, contribute to its religious, intellectual and cultural growth.

Of course, this is a debate that in the end will be determined by history. Meanwhile, however, we shall and must discuss it openly, frankly, and more often. *Viewpoints*, the literary magazine which you find inserted in *The Canadian Jewish News* once every quarter, will run a special issue on this subject. More reason to pay attention to and read *Viewpoints*.



Rabbi Plaut

Home renovations result in total chaos

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Every time we embark on a home clean-up or repair project, no matter how insignificant, my husband and I caution each other. "Remember, this is going going to get worse before it gets better."

This is universally true. It is valid about small jobs, such as cleaning out a kitchen utility drawer, and just as valid about large jobs, such as renovating the house. After all, before a drawer can be tidied, it must be emptied, resulting in a counter full of stray batteries, mysterious keys, undeveloped rolls of film, dull knives, Havdalah candle stubs and threadbare potholders. Renovating a house presents the same exact problem, but on a far larger, more terrifying, scale.

Our goals were modest. We wanted to add a little light, to organize things a bit better, to repaint a few walls and to spruce up the kitchen. We didn't understand that every small repair leads to the discovery that five large repairs are needed. We didn't know that every bit of newness makes even recent acquisitions look shabby. We didn't grasp that people hired to mend

one thing will break three others. We failed to understand that renovation chaos is not progressive, moving manageably from room to room, but rather is persistent, widespread and totally ungovernable.

I tried to read up on this. I studied the books and design magazines. But they don't cover the ongoing discoveries that constantly increase the chaos and the budget; they don't tell you where to cook when the kitchen reeks of polyurethane. They show rooms where absolutely everything matches, where no child ever spilled a jar of yellow fluorescent poster paint.

Our only completed room, which is still not that pristine, is the upstairs bathroom. Being the smallest space in the house, it got finished quicker. I hide there when it all gets to be too much, just staring dumbly into the new medicine chest, cherishing the single spot of tidy organization in our entire house. Everything else is so chaotic, I'm thinking of sleeping in the tub just to be where serenity reigns.

I roam the rest of the house, trying to clear a

path for the repairmen while preserving some semblance of order. But, how can you even think about neatness amid ladders, paint cans, drop cloths and piles of displaced belongings. I'd be content just to regain access to my closet.

I'd be thrilled if I could simply diagnose, list and budget all the pending repairs, but the information is too fluid; the more we fix, the bigger fix we're in.

Then I arrived at the only logical action left to any mother of three surrounded by renovation chaos at the beginning of school vacation. I fled.

I took the kids out-of-town to my parents, abandoning my husband to cope in solitary splendor. He's actually been very patient about the whole thing, but he's also more familiar than I am with the vicissitudes of construction; therefore, he's in a lesser state of shock.

"Let them do all the toxic, noxious, noisy stuff while we're away," I urged, stuffing my suitcase with magazines. "See ya' in 10 days."

I thought I could escape that way, but after hearing about every step of the mayhem in our

house by phone, I'm just as glad that I'm heading home tomorrow.

I do have some hesitation about re-entry with children, although they seem pretty intrigued with this level of turmoil. Our toddler apparently supposes that we are going through all this solely for his entertainment. He is magnetically drawn to wet paint, tall ladders and packing crates, boldly going where no child has never gone before. When the repairman painted the front door (covering the knob, the bell and the mezuzah), the baby hung out nearby, cheerfully trying to dab a little latex on the dog.

Leaving town made both sleep and child care easier, but — by adding the element of distance — it made home repair more difficult (as my husband may have suspected all along).

I ended up renovating by telephone. This is completely impossible; akin to calling in surgical procedures. Just try to explain which shade of peach you want on the dining room wall, by phone, after 11 p.m., to a man whose bed is covered with lumber. I just whispered, "Try to match the tile, dear," and I didn't dare ask if he'd considered sleeping in the tub.



Erica Meyer Raubin

Language barrier makes shopping a chore

By
EDITH ROTHSCHILD

Whenver I go to the supermarket in Israel I think of my first Hebrew teacher in Germany (may his soul rest in peace).

Herr Kaelbermann looked like a Hollywood idol, tall, well-built with a handsome face, blue eyes and blond, wavy hair. If that wasn't enough, he was also an excellent teacher and, if that wasn't enough, he was also an ardent Zionist, being a member of the BACHAD (Brit Chalutzim Dati'im) movement, the religious Zionist youth movement.

When his many attempts failed to secure from the German government the most precious document for a Jew at that time, the "certifikat" to emigrate to Palestine with his wife and young child, he hanged himself.

However, this is not the tragic story of Herr Kaelbermann or the multitude of others like him, it is rather the story of my having forgotten most of the Ivrit (modern Hebrew) which he so diligently and enthusiastically taught me. I have no problem with Loshon Hakodesh (prayer Hebrew), which daily reinforces my knowledge and ignorance, presuming that G-d allows me the grace of understanding that if I don't know the precise translation of all the words, it's OK with Him, as long as I feel them in my heart.

My self-esteem is (finally) rated by me on the middle-to-high end of the scale, but as soon as I enter the supermarket in Israel it plummets to near zero. It always amazes me to realize how our social environment can change our behavior at an instant. Usually an assertive person, here I keep a low profile. The first thing I do is grab a buggy and saunter through the aisles as inconspicuously as possible, as if I know what I am buying. I am fascinated by the all-round balagan (holy mess), and it is reassuring to know that if

I would drop a bottle of ketchup on the floor it wouldn't matter because nobody would notice it anyway.

For reasons of my own I am an avid supermarket-label-reader — that is, when I am in Canada. In Israel I have to rely on guess work, and that has not always been a positive experience. I still remember the time when I brought home laundry bleach instead of vinegar and, luckily, I have meanwhile learned the difference between chometz and Económica.

Being a highly intuitive person, I have tried this wondrous perception of mine on the shelf with the grains, but for some reason my intuition fails utterly to differentiate between brown rice, barley, and wheat kernels.

Buying creme cheese becomes an exercise in linguistics. After long and ignorant scrutiny, I hope that what I'm buying is the box with the olive-pimento flavor. (But when I get home I find out that my box of creme cheese is heavily laced with garlic and all sorts of other Mediterranean spices, which my husband detests.)

Be that as it may, I nevertheless hang in there since I am not one to give up easily. Sometimes I change my strategy because I am a firm believer in asking for help when in need. So now I look for approachable human beings who look kind and do not seem to be too much in a hurry.

I immediately run into social problems. First I look for a youngster who would most likely respect me and not make fun of me. But most

respecting and respectable youngsters are in school at this time of day, and if they are not, they are playing hooky, and I am not going to be the one to encourage this habit.

The next best thing is, logically, English-speaking couples. They probably are not in a hurry because they are doing things together. And it is easy to spot them because their clothes give them away. Couples who have made aliyah wear comfortable, sensible, conservative, good-quality clothes, which merely reflects what they are: sensible, good-quality people. They could be from the United States, Canada, England, South Africa, or Australia: I am not prejudiced. The only problem I have with them is that it is precisely their desirable qualities which intimidate me. They seem to be totally in control and self-assured, which comes from having taken the trouble to go to an excellent ulpan until they are (what sounds to my envious ears) flawless and fluent in Ivrit. No, thank you! I can not jeopardize my precarious self-esteem which would slide further down to below zero, especially with the outside temperature being above 100.

As a last resort, I approach a young employee, who is making a vain attempt at rearranging the shelves, and hope against all hopes that he got to the grade in school that taught English. I ask him very politely whether he could kindly tell me where I can find bottled spring water, and he looks right through me as if I were transparent. Customer relations was evidently not part of his

training and is not on his agenda. To relieve my frustration and anger I try to think of a curse word, and miraculously and instantly "pushtak" jumps into my mind.

But I am never at a complete loss; problem-solving is one of my hobbies. I can always buy frozen corn because from the picture on the package I am pretty sure what I am getting. So, I often buy bags and bags of frozen corn. It's not that I really need them all. But firstly, when you are seen stalking the supermarket for 1½ hours, you don't want to be seen checking out with just one bag of corn. And secondly, they do come in handy when one or more of all of my seven Sabra grandchildren come for supper to my house — they have a passion for corn — (may they eat corn until they are between 120 and 140, or until the Messiah arrives, whichever comes first).

And I can always buy toilet paper, which is not too heavy to carry home, since it is less than one-ply but still has the texture of fine sand paper.

The last straw came at the check-out counter in November of 1990. As the clerk was piling 12 bottles of spring water into my delivery bin, she asked me in her best school-English: "Are you preparing for the war?" All the way home I could not shake from my tense shoulders the villainous spectre of Saddam Hussein.



J.B. Flies South

J.B. is paying his annual visit to Florida. His weekly column will resume when he returns; in the meantime we are hoping to receive occasional reports from him.

Features

China, Israel to establish ties

By
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China — the sole permanent member of the United Nations Security Council which has yet to recognize Israel officially — is expected to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Jewish state shortly.

Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, said as much when he met a delegation from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre recently.

Contacts between China and Israel have taken a quantum leap in recent years, but 1991 was a banner year:

- In March, a group of Chinese business leaders toured Israel for the first time.

- In June, China and Israel signed a scientific co-operation agreement for joint research in such fields as medical and life sciences and water conservation. The signatories were the deputy president of the Chinese Academy of Science and the president of the Israeli Academy of Science.

- In September, China's foreign minister held talks with his Israeli counterpart, David Levy, at the United Nations.

- In October, China — for the first time — acknowledged that senior Israeli foreign ministry officials had been in Beijing.

- In November, Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens became the first Israeli cabinet minister to be received in Beijing. Although his visit was supposedly secret, the Israeli tabloid *Yediot Achronot* published a half-page photograph of Arens in the Chinese capital.

- Also in November, the first Israeli trade delegation visited China. Representing the creme de la creme of Israeli industry, the delegates included the chairmen of Israel Military Industries, the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce, El Al Airlines, the Israel Diamond Exchange, Dead Sea Chemicals and Leumi Investment Company (a subsidiary of Bank Leumi).

After meeting with Chinese Vice Premier Wu Xueqian, the head of the delegation, Dan Gillerman, declared: "All signs are that diplomatic relations will be established in the not-too-distant future. I would think more in terms of months rather than years."

- In December, the Chinese deputy foreign minister arrived in Jerusalem; the first such senior Chinese dignitary to visit Israel. On the eve of his trip, China, which had voted for the 1975 Zionism-is-racism resolution, dropped its support of it.

Despite the importance of these events, the real breakthrough in Chinese-Israeli relations occurred in 1989, when China opened an office of the Chinese Tourism Company in Tel Aviv. In 1990, Israel reciprocated with the inauguration of a branch of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Beijing.

Officially, neither of these offices represents the Chinese and Israeli governments. In practice, however, they are embryonic embassies. Israel's office is headed by the former ambassador to Holland, while China's is reportedly staffed by foreign ministry diplomats. Both offices are



Chinese and Israeli business leaders share a toast in Israel. [IPPA photo]

empowered to issue visas.

This subterfuge is a function of China's desire for a gradual approach in its dealings with Israel. It is reminiscent of the former Soviet Union's step-by-step rapprochement with Israel from 1985 to 1991.

China, which has good ties with the Arab world and the PLO, doesn't want to upset its Arab friends by embracing Israel too enthusiastically.

Yet China, which is dictating the pace of normalization, has a definite interest in normalizing relations with Israel.

The Cold War, which initially fuelled China's hostility toward Israel, is over. Communism in the old Soviet Union and Eastern Europe has fallen by the wayside, so China's Marxist elite feels rather isolated. Israel, its immediate Arab neighbors and the Palestinians have entered into peace talks, so China has one less reason to be antagonistic. Last but not least, China wants to broaden its trade with the West, and play a useful role in Middle East diplomacy.

For its part, Israel is interested in penetrating the vast Chinese market. As Gillerman put it: "A market of 1.2 billion people is a nice niche."

Israel, furthermore, is strongly motivated by the prospect of fullblown relations — political, commercial, cultural and touristic — with Asia's superpower.

Israel, in 1950, was one of the first countries to recognize the People's Republic of China. Israel correspondingly severed ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan), but contacts with Beijing were interrupted by the Korean War. In 1955, after China announced it was prepared to forge "normal relations with Israel," the Israeli ambassador to Burma, David Hacohen, led a delegation to China.

Hacohen invited a Chinese delegation to Israel, but China never responded, probably because it had already started to expand relations with the generally anti-Zionist Third World. China established a close relationship with Egypt and Syria, and after the 1956 Suez War, the Chinese leadership adopted a cold, unyielding attitude to Israel. Denouncing Israel as a colonialist "tool" and "puppet" of the United States, China developed cordial links with the PLO.

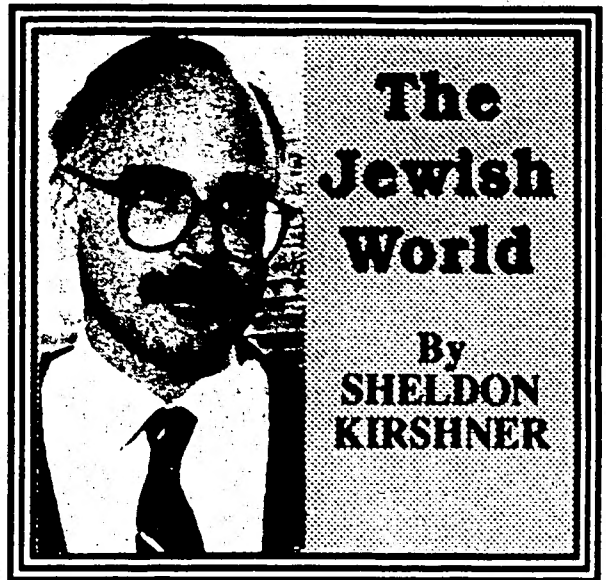
The chill lasted well into the early 1980s. Reports suggest that China's first tentative contacts with Israel were in the military field, when Beijing acquired 105 mm Israeli tank cannons through Hong Kong arms dealers.

The trade in weaponry continues to be of paramount importance. Ben Ami Shillony, a Hebrew University Asia expert, says that Israel has sold China \$3 billion (U.S.) worth of military hardware since 1984. According to the Washington-based *Defense News Weekly*, Israel plans to open an arms sales office in Beijing so it can sell aircraft-related technology to China. Israel's defence ministry denies the report.

In the first 10 months of 1991, official, non-military trade between China and Israel amounted only to \$30 million (U.S.). But Israeli officials are confident that its potential is practically unlimited.

Apart from high-tech products, Israel can offer China phosphates and chemicals.

Analysts do not believe that China's evolving rapprochement with Israel will damage its position in the Arab/Islamic world. It appears that the Arabs are resigned to the inevitable — normal Chinese relations with Israel, which is expected to take place when David Levy visits Beijing later this month.



They left footprints in the sand...

Wolfgang Grajonca, otherwise known as Bill Graham, was America's premier rock concert promoter. He organized, produced and marketed rock music in all formats — live concerts, records, films, TV shows and videos. And he was instrumental in advancing the careers of Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Santana, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Jefferson Airplane and Crosby, Stills, Nash.

The scion of Russian Jews, Graham had a tumultuous life. Two days after his birth in Berlin, his father was killed in an accident. Later, his mother placed him and his sister in an orphanage. Early in World War II, the two children fled Nazi Germany. Graham made it to France, but his sister died of starvation along the way. Graham's mother and another sister perished in the Holocaust.

Through fortuitous circumstances, Graham reached the United States, where he was adopted by a Jewish family in New York City. Armed with a business degree from City College, he settled in California and worked as a statistician. In 1964 he entered show business as manager of a San Francisco mime troupe.

He never forgot that he was a child of the Holocaust. In 1985, when President Ronald Reagan visited a cemetery in Bitburg, Germany where SS troops are buried, he took out a full-page ad denouncing the visit. As a result, anti-Semitic arsonists torched his office.

Graham was killed in a helicopter crash northwest of San Francisco. He was 60.

David Abraham (Sonny) Werblin was a major sports and entertainment impresario.

As president of Music Corporation of America-TV, he oversaw the production of popular shows — *My Three Sons*, *Wagon Train*, *The Ed Sullivan Show*, *The Virginian* and *Bachelor Father* — and represented clients like Elizabeth Taylor and Johnny Carson.

The passing parade

As president of the New York Jets, he induced the acclaimed college quarterback, Joe Namath, to forego a contract with the established National Football League and sign up with the fledgling American Football League.

He died of a heart attack at the age of 81. Abel Kiviat, a product of New York's Lower East Side, was a member of the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in the United States.

He was at the height of his athletic powers before World War I. In 1911, at 18, he set a world record in the 1,500-metres. At 19, he won a silver medal in the Stockholm Olympic Games.

Kiviat excelled in longer distances, and altogether he set nine world records and won nine U.S. titles. When he died at 99, he was the oldest living American Olympian.

Natalia Ginzburg was one of Italy's most important writers. Among her books were *The Road to the City* and *Family Sayings*. She wrote *The Road to the City* during the 1940s, when she and her parents were confined by Mussolini's government to a village east of Rome because of their Jewish heritage. *Family Sayings* blended autobiography with events of Italian history from 1918 to 1945.

Often compared to Chekhov, Ginzburg was greatly influenced by World War II, during which the persecution of Italian Jewry was intensified. "I was formed by the war..." she said. "I think of a writer as a river: you reflect what passes before you... you reflect what is there."

She died of cancer, at 75.

Writing under the pen name of John Roy, Arthur Derounian was a muckraking journalist specializing in the expose of anti-Semitism, bigotry and fascist movements in the United States. He was probably best known for *Under Cover* (1943) and *The Plotters* (1946).

At his death, he was 82.

Clio Straight was a U.S. brigadier-general who was responsible for setting up the post-war prosecution of Nazi criminals in Germany. According to the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, Straight prosecuted over 1,000 war criminals in less than three years, and left "an extraordinary legacy."

He was 86 when he succumbed to pneumonia. Straight was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Central Asian Jews concerned

By
STEVE LIPMAN

The plight of Jews in the Soviet Union's Central Asian republics — traditionally safer and lesser known than the Jewish communities in the country's European area — is becoming more dangerous, say American experts familiar with the region.

The weakened power of Moscow's central government and a corresponding Islamic revival in the republics on the U.S.S.R.'s southern border have brought an increase in anti-Semitic attacks there over the last few years, the experts say. They say many Jews, particularly in Uzbekistan and Tadzhikistan, fear a repetition of an outrage in one Uzbek town in May 1990.

Two score Jewish and Armenian homes reportedly were burned during the 1990 riot by several hundred men after the cancellation of a soccer game in Andizhan. The game was said to have served as a pretense for the pre-planned attacks.

"I feel as if we were going to Germany in 1938," said Helene Schwartz Kenvin, president of the Caucasus Network, who visited four cities in Central Asia on a fact-finding mission in October.

The seven-year-old organization, of which Kenvin is founding president, calls itself the only group that concentrates on the Jews of Central Asia.

"Anti-Semitism is almost a way of life" in

Central Asia, she said, alluding to reports from Jewish sources she has established throughout the region. "There are almost daily incidents."

Kenvin said "several dozen" Central Asian Jews have died in anti-Semitic attacks in the last few years.

"I've never seen people so frightened," she said, citing Jews who have stopped going to synagogue or sending their children to school. "They have a well-founded fear of persecution."

Jews in small towns, where Muslims know who's Jewish, have a particular fear of being singled out for attack, she said. Kenvin said many Jews — and members of other minority groups — have lost their jobs in recent years. Graffiti have been scrawled on Jewish buildings, Jewish cemeteries have been vandalized, Jews have been refused medical treatment and some have been pressured to convert to Islam.

Many Jews are also afraid that their freedom to travel or emigrate will be restricted as their countries draw closer to the Muslim world. Like the Jews of Syria, Iran and Iraq, who are virtually barred from going abroad, "they fear becoming hostage communities," Kenvin said.

Jews in the region worry that the Central Asia republics will seek independence soon from the crumbling U.S.S.R. and establish themselves as Islamic states, said Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the interfaith Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Schneier said an Islamic government affiliated with a hard-line Muslim country like Iran

might pose the greatest danger for Jewish residents. A government with ties to a moderate Islamic land like Turkey — although even its secular bent is coming under increasing pressure from Islamic fundamentalists — would offer more protection to Jews, he said.

The nationalist-inspired anti-Semitism directed at Jews in western areas of the Soviet Union has been relatively rare in Central Asia, said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress. But he added that recent events indicate "a certain degree of danger there."

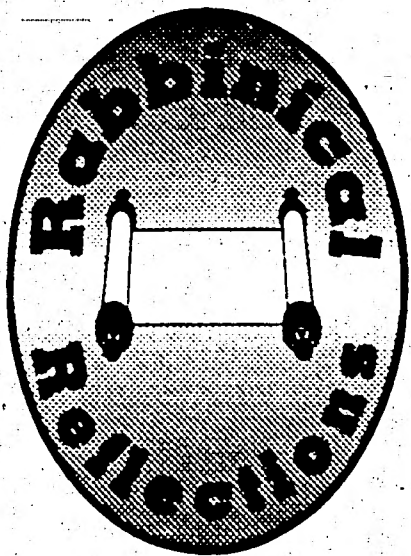
"We're very concerned about it," said Micah Naftalin, national director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. "People are incredibly afraid."

Naftalin said Muslims in the heavily Islamic Central Asian region publicly supported Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, raising additional fear for Jews contemplating immigration to Israel.

While thousands of Jews from the region have made aliyah in recent years, many are still reluctant to leave, he said. Mostly craftsmen and businessmen, they have financial and patriotic ties to their homelands and "a tradition of living there."

An estimated quarter-million Jews live in the Soviet Union's five heavily Muslim Central Asia republics — Uzbekistan, Tadzhikistan, Kazakhstan, Kirgiziya and Turkmenia.

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By
RABBI YAKOV TRAVIS

Our conscience is constantly urging us to acknowledge truth and to act morally, yet so often we fool ourselves and regularly engage in anti-social or even self-destructive behavior. How can we combat these tendencies?

The rabbis of the Talmud, in their devotion to ultimate truth, morality and holiness, masterfully developed technology to detect the weapon systems of our enemy within. In Talmud (Sukka 52b) they identify seven names for the yetzer hara (evil inclination). Each name is a code word used by different authors of various biblical texts to connote a psychological tactic we use to overwhelm, muffle, twist or distort the voice of our conscience, preventing it from penetrating into our hearts.

Ezekiel the prophet, for example, referred to it as a "stone." He was pointing out that human beings have an uncanny ability to desensitize themselves to the clarity of their conscience and its call to goodness and Godliness. Who hasn't encountered someone with a proverbial "heart of stone?"

The Bible actually portrays Israel's entire history as a process of melting the hardness of our hearts. One context for this teaching is the prophecy in Ezekiel (36:22-32) where our physical and spiritual renaissance is

foretold. This process of national renewal begins with the promise. "For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and I will bring you into your own land." It then continues,

"A new heart also will I give you... and I will take away the stone heart... and give you a heart of flesh... and you shall be my people, and I will be your God."

This is but an echo of the Jewish people's destiny as articulated in Deuteronomy 30:1-10, where the spiritual awakening is described in terms of God "circumcising" our hearts! Some may understand this as a miraculous transformation of human nature, but perhaps what we are being told is that by experiencing the unfolding of our history (especially in these awesome times) we will become more receptive to our purpose as a people. Still, as individuals we always have the freedom to choose whether or not to be active participants in the process. It is merely a question of how hard our hearts have become and how open we are to change.

At this time of year, the Torah readings concern the struggle between the Israelites and Pharaoh. Beyond being a vivid portrait of good vs. evil on the national scale, we have an intriguing tradition that this dramatic episode can also be understood as a metaphor. Here as well, Pharaoh is a code word for the yetzer hara, the destructive tendencies within each and every person. The central theme in the story is, of course, the "hardening of Pharaoh's heart." In the beginning, as plagues bring terror upon Egypt, Pharaoh needs only a little obstinance, but as the plagues become progressively severe and accumulative, the man must become a rock not to recognize the truth and humble himself. His repeated refusal to Moses' plea "Let my people go" eventually results in his own nation's destruction.

Judaism teaches that we each have our own internal Pharaohs and that we should see ourselves in this story. Are we aware of how dulled we can become to the calls of our con-

science or how numb we are to the miraculous? Probably not! Like Pharaoh, our own heart hardening is slow and gradual. What was once shockingly abhorrent can unconsciously come to be considered normal or even artistic! For example, after watching countless murders on television or in the movies, while sitting passively in our seats, don't we become all too accustomed to senseless violence? Doesn't the overabundance of entertainment revolving around extramarital affairs, etc., make such destructive behavior more acceptable in our eyes? The process is so insidiously slow, that we probably don't even see the changes within ourselves.

Objectively speaking though, would not that which passes as "family" entertainment today have been considered scandalous only a few decades ago? It shouldn't be surprising if we find even the nightly news of the 1990s rated "R" by the ethical standards of the previous generation. Isn't it amazing how easily our morals can slide?

If elements of our culture can have such a pervasively numbing effect on our moral and spiritual sensitivities, shouldn't we counteract them by refining our hearts to hear the less sensational, but far more noble aspirations of our consciences?

There are so many ways to retain or regain a sensitivity to higher values and spirituality. Besides the three main avenues of studying Torah, engaging in acts of kindness and observing religious practices, we should at least choose carefully to present our minds and hearts with spiritually ennobling models of behavior. Being aware of how susceptible we are to the standards of our society, we would be wise to be selective about our many influences, whether they be our circle of friends or what we read, listen to or watch for entertainment.

Encountering meaning and morality, we are more likely to hear the call of our conscience.

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Parents must set example to get children's respect

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we read the famous Fifth Commandment — Honor your father and mother.

From mere observation of what I see, read and hear, I would have sworn that the text reads "Honor your son, daughter, and student." If this is the situation today, then quite obviously, as parents and educators we are failing miserably. Where have we gone wrong? How is it possible to read of the high level of juvenile crime and disrespect among youth that spreads like cancer attacking our society?

The two tablets which held the Ten Commandments fit neatly into two separate areas. The first, commandments between Man and God; the second, between Man and his fellow man. Only our Fifth Commandment seems to break this logical pattern. If it is between parent and child, what is it doing on the tablet of commands between Man and God?

If a son and daughter are to honor their parents, the parents have to be worthy of that respect. As the saying goes, "One can only command respect, not demand it." The way to command respect is by setting the example and showing that we, the parents, respect our Father, the Almighty, Father of us all. If we have no authority higher than ourselves, if we respect no one or nothing else save the dictates of our own human

consciences, then children soon learn of our human faults and frailties, and can offer many reasons to rationalize and defend their lack of respect for us. If, on the other hand, our children witness our respect and reverence for a higher authority; if they see that our commands to them emanate from the commands of our Supreme Commander, the Almighty, then there is hope that the chain of respect will not be broken, for it is He who demands that children respect their parents.

At the same time this will teach them that there is a God who created and supervises the world, who holds man accountable for his deeds and actions, who rewards and punishes, and who, simply put, keeps a "cheshbon" (account) on all that goes on down here on this world that we live in. It is He who gives life and takes it away and it is He who has promised long life for those who honor and respect their parents.

The following story is told of the great gaon Rabbi Yaakov Kaminitzky zt"l. He was travelling by plane with one of his sons and an old gentile man could not help but notice and marvel at the way the son (himself a grown man) was honoring and serving his father with unbelievable derech eretz and attention to every slight detail of the rabbi's comfort.

The man could not hold back and questioned the rabbi how he managed to imbue his children with such respect and devotion. As for himself, he hastened to add, he was sorry to

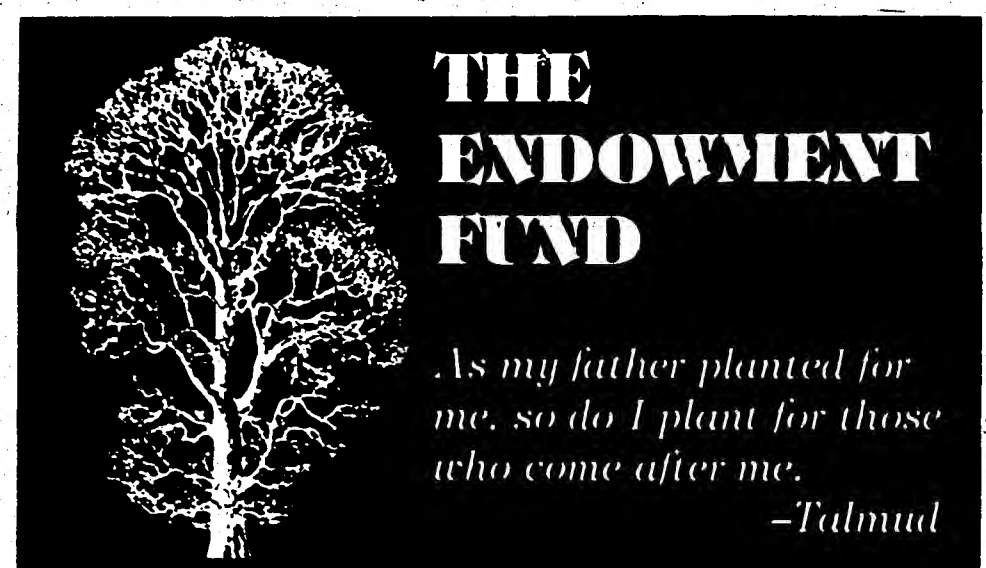
say that his own children scorned and humiliated him and had never shown respect for him.

"The difference between us is very simple," said Rav Yaakov. "You taught your children that Man descended from the ape. The further time progressed the more highly developed civilization became and the more highly developed mankind became. If so, you are closer to the ape and your children are further from it and more developed and civilized. Why should they respect you: the opposite should be true."

"I, on the other hand, taught my children that God created the whole world and that Man was the apex of this creation. The most perfect of the species of Man was Adam the man who was the 'yetzir kapov shel HaKodosh Boruch Hu' — the handiwork of God, created and fashioned by His very own Hands. The closer one is to that perfect man and the closer one is to Sinai where the Torah that speaks of that man was given, the closer one is to God, the Creator of all men. I am older, and my son who is younger knows that he is further away, that's why he honors and respects me."

Let's sit down with our children, teach them the Fifth Commandment, the Talmud Kiddushin (30b-33b), and the Shulchan-Aruch (Yoreh Deah 240-244). Let's connect with Creation and Sinai and they in turn will connect with us.

Rabbi Aaron Levine is an educator, writer and lecturer in Toronto.



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Organizations and People

Tribunal reserves judgment on funeral home complaint

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A three-person provincial government panel has reserved judgment in the case of a Toronto man who has charged Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel with overpricing.

The Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal, part of Ontario's Consumer and Commercial Relations Ministry, last week heard a day of testimony from Philip Anisman, a lawyer who says Benjamin's overcharged him for his aunt's funeral, and from owner Michael Benjamin, who defended his prices as fair and competitive.

Anisman, whose aunt was buried in a graveside service last January, originally took his complaint against Benjamin's to the complaints committee of the Board of Funeral Services, a provincial body that oversees and regulates the funeral business in Ontario.

The complaints committee, composed of two funeral directors and one layman, dismissed Anisman's claim of excessive pricing but ordered Benjamin's to offer complete price lists to clients before the signing of any contract.

In this appeal, Anisman wants the matter returned to the complaints committee so it can examine Benjamin's financial records, compare prices to Steeles College Memorial Chapel, Toronto's only other Jewish funeral home, and determine whether Benjamin's prices are excessive.

He said the complaints committee, in comparing costs with other funeral homes, contrasted only the costs of non-religious goods and services. The committee's apparent reluctance

to compare a Jewish funeral to a non-Jewish one involves "an error of principle," he added.

The case could have far-reaching ramifications, as Anisman also wants the tribunal, if it finds that Benjamin's overcharges, to order the funeral home to compensate everyone who was overcharged for a graveside funeral over the past three years.

The tribunal, a quasi-judicial body, provides independent appeals for individuals affected by the practices of provincially-regulated businesses, such as funeral homes.

Anisman told the panel that his aunt was buried at a total cost of just under \$4,500, which is only slightly less than it would have been had he opted for a complete funeral, including a chapel service.

In keeping with his aunt's request, the funeral was a simple graveside service, with no shiva and no eulogy, he said. Anisman said his aunt had wanted an Orthodox service, and Rabbi Moses Burak officiated.

But he said his bill included an extra charge of \$145 for "additional staff and equipment" for a graveside service and that it was only \$225 less than had he chosen a chapel service.

He called both amounts "arbitrary" fees, which Benjamin's arrives at by basing costs on an "average" funeral.

He charged Benjamin's with "subsidizing" full funeral services by overcharging for graveside services.

Anisman said it was only after the funeral that Benjamin's informed him of a far cheaper service, known as a simple alternative or direct disposition.

In a direct disposition, a body is picked up at place of death, transport-

ed to a funeral home, prepared for burial and buried in a simple service.

All funeral homes must offer the service, as required by a provincial law passed in late 1990.

Anisman said he compared the prices of Benjamin's non-religious services to Steeles College and to two non-Jewish homes, and found Benjamin's to be the most expensive.

But in breaking down his costs, Benjamin countered that his facility is twice the size of Steeles College, has more and better-trained staff, a longer history in the community and "the highest standards in the city."

He said comparisons to Steeles College and to non-Jewish facilities are unfair. For one, his is a private business, while Steeles College is communally-run and disburses profits to charity, he explained.

He said Jewish funeral homes have "innate" responsibilities to the community, such as the provision of a tahara room (where bodies undergo ritual washing), a mikvah, a separate room for kohanim and a shomer (someone who guards the body before burial).

Benjamin said he has 13 staff members just to satisfy religious requirements.

He said a Jewish funeral is by nature simple and that a direct disposition is a secular service.

He said Benjamin's has never been asked to conduct such a service.

His lawyer, Irving Marks, said the law does not intend to send committees on full investigations every time there is a complaint over prices.

A decision by the tribunal is expected in a few weeks, but at one point, panel chairman Gordon Dryden said he found "no evidence" of excessive pricing by Benjamin's.

Parents form organization to fight for school funding

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Incensed by a feeling of government discrimination, a group of parents with children in Jewish day schools has formed FFREE, Families For Religious Equality in Education.

The parents group hopes to add its voice to those calling on the provincial government to provide public funding for Jewish day schools. FFREE's chairman, Trudy Shecter, told *The CJN*:

FFREE held its initial meeting two weeks ago at the Lipa Green Building, and made its first priority the support of a court challenge to the current funding practice.

On Nov. 1, 1991, five parents with children in Ontario Jewish day schools, supported by Canadian Jewish Congress, sued the provincial government in a bid to obtain public funding for day schools. They argue that provisions for freedom of religion and equality in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms require the government, which fully funds public and Roman Catholic schools, to

do the same for Jewish educational institutions.

Shecter said FFREE backs that position and is hoping to fill the courtroom with supporters when court convenes on Jan. 27 to hear preliminary issues.

She said FFREE is concerned that the Attorney General declined to refer the case directly to the Ontario Court of Appeal for a speedier resolution. Rosemary Hnatiuk, a spokesman for the ministry, said the Attorney General felt the case did not represent "a novel issue of law" and saw no reason to treat it as an exceptional case by referring it directly to the higher court.

With 30 active members, whose children attend eight Toronto Hebrew schools from Bialik to Cheder Chabad, FFREE represents a growing grass roots movement of parents angry at the current discriminatory funding policy, Shecter said.

"By fully funding Roman Catholic separate schools, the government has recognized that religious schools can be funded and it's completely discriminatory not to fund other religious schools," she said.

Parents feel they are being "double taxed" by paying tuition fees to give their children a Jewish education as well as property taxes to support the public system, even though they are getting no benefits from the latter, she added.

Shecter said she is faced with tuition fees of \$9,900 per year for her two children who attend Bialik's day school and junior kindergarden programs.

Shecter said FFREE is hoping to attract parents from all Jewish day schools regardless of religious orientation. That would give the group contacts throughout the Jewish community and allow it to mobilize supporters for future programs.

She said the group will hold its next meeting on Feb. 3 to discuss the court case and plan its next steps, which could include a letter-writing campaign, educational forums and possibly demonstrations. Shecter said FFREE hopes to eventually meet with the premier to discuss the parents' concerns.

For more information, Shecter can be reached at (416) 781-1847.

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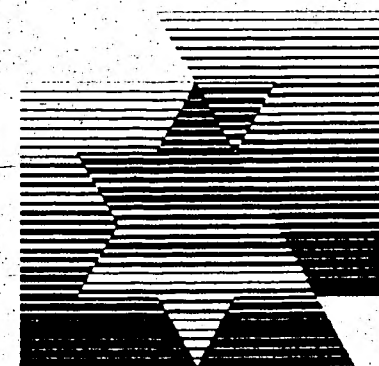
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Hamilton JNF set to help promote Israel

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow and his wife, Guay, will be among almost 50 Hamiltonians joining next month's JNF tour to Israel.

Altogether, about 90 people from south-western Ontario will be among the group, announces Hamilton JNF's new president, Marvin Rosenshein.

Rosenshein became involved with JNF about seven or eight years ago. But, he explained in a recent conversation at the regional JNF office here, his serious commitment dates from a UIA mission three years ago, during which he unveiled a plaque in memory of his father, and as well, saw for himself "what Israel is doing and how magnificent Israel is."

"For me," he declares, "the bottom line is Israel."

Although Rosenshein acknowledges that raising money for Operation Promised Land, the JNF's program for settling Soviet Jews in Israel, "is a very difficult task in these trying times," he's convinced that this year's campaign will be every bit as successful as last year's.

"Even with the economy as bad as it was last year, the Negev Dinner broke all records," he points out.

Rosenshein, a businessman, who is also vice-president of United Synagogue, Conservative Judaism, Ontario region, is anxious to promote greater awareness of the work JNF is doing.

"People now realize," he says, "that JNF is more than trees. We are managing to convince them that JNF also provides the infrastructure needed for settling new immigrants."

His first task is to bring in "young, energetic people and educate them not only in fund raising but in promoting Israel."

Already, there's "a very strong and energetic group who are totally dedicated to JNF and committed to raising funds for Israel."

This group includes vice-presidents Dr. Sharon Marcovitz-Hart, Manny Fine and Robert Wasserman. Also, with both himself and Marcovitz-Hart being members of the national board, Rosenshein notes that the Hamilton organization "is becoming more active nationally."

A new Negev Dinner honoree selection



Marvin Rosenshein

committee which includes "leaders from all facets of the Jewish community" has been established and a new selection process implemented. Among other changes he hopes will benefit the campaign, will be "a general tightening up of things and setting up of by-laws."

Rosenshein also hopes to draw the surrounding small Jewish communities into the organization and praises regional director, Yigal Yardeni, for his untiring efforts in this regard.

Last year's record blue box campaign, which was run in conjunction with B'nai Brith and headed by Fine and Dr. Lawrence Hart, president, Hamilton Lodge, not only involved as many as 106 people, "including lots of kids," but also for the first time involved a group of recent immigrants from the Soviet Union. Alex Khayutin served as co-ordinator for the group.

"We're trying to get Russian Jews more involved. JNF is something new in their lives and we want to emphasize the educational aspect," says Rosenshein.

An expanded Tu b'Shevat telethon will be run for the first time by Na'amat Nitzan chapter with Marcovitz-Hart and Maureen Price as co-chairmen.

And finally, something new is a "JNF room" planned for the JCC, a sort of hall of fame with photographs of Negev Dinner honorees, maps, pictures and information on the JNF and its work.

agogue. In addition, 150 of the USDS children are from families who are not members.

Since the area north of Steeles Avenue is the fastest growing Jewish community in North America, executive director Helene Rudolph expressed confidence that the membership goal of 400-450 families would be reached.

Shaareh Haim was opened May 6, 1990 on three acres at the north-east corner of Bayview Avenue and Weldrick Road E., as the only Conservative synagogue north of No. 7 highway, promising equal participation by women and men. Its origin goes back to 10 Jewish families in Richmond Hill in 1976.

In the fall of 1990, it launched a campaign for \$7.8 million.

Shaareh Haim's members help to maintain synagogue

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The synagogue's own members pitched in to raise \$200,000 at a Kol Nidre appeal last September to keep the synagogue's doors open Rotman said. "We wanted to go to our own people first."

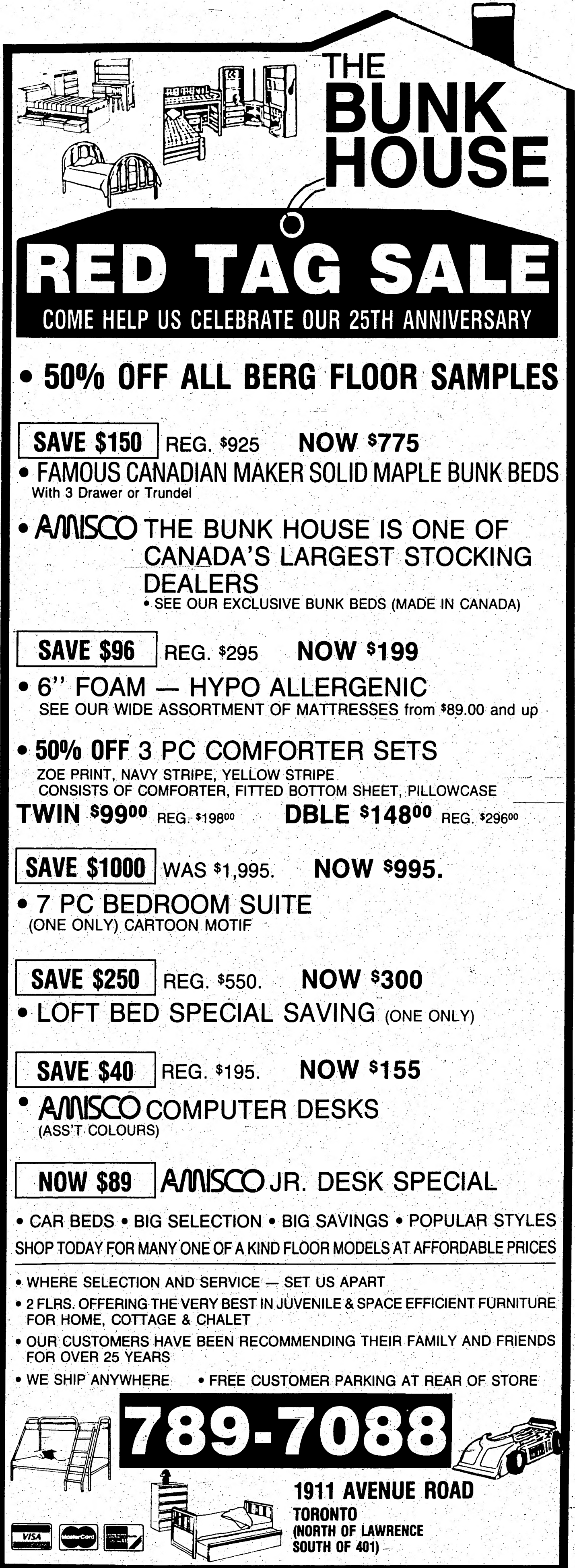
News of the crisis spurred a 10 percent increase in membership since Nov. 1, mostly among parents of children at the USDS school, he said.

The synagogue is alive with the patter of feet and the sound of childish voices as 600 children are there every day, either in the USDS classrooms, the synagogue's own Hebrew school, or the tiny tots program with its 70 children. Of the 325 children in its Hebrew school, 200 come from families who are not members of the syn-



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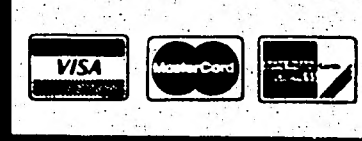
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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Jan. 23 is deadline for Feb. 6 issue and Jan. 30 is deadline for the Feb. 13 issue).

Also, remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, Jan. 26

G.R.A.N.D. SOCIETY

G.R.A.N.D. Society, (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) invites you to hear a notable grandparent at its next meeting, 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26 at 16 Spadina Rd. Cost is \$3 non-members. For more information, call 469-5471 or 223-0730.

Monday, Jan. 27

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents The Art of Breast Feeding, the third in its series of four monthly meetings which are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. The meeting takes place at 42 Patrice Cres., Thornhill, (not Patricia, as incorrectly stated in the Dec. 19 issue) at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27.

For further details, phone Ruth, 736-1758, Joyce, 881-8779, Robin, 886-8364 or Karen, 221-7002.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC AT JCC

The next Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic at the JCC, North Y., 4588 Bathurst St., main floor, is from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27. They're trying for 120 units and need 120 donors. To inquire, call 974-9900.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Growing Up With Asthma: Does it Affect Emotional Development? will be the topic when psychologist Dr. Gerard Klein addresses Parents of Asthmatic Children, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd., Room 2-279 (private dining room), Bayview-Eglinton area.

New members are welcome. For more information, call Elaine Rose, 881-8416 or Joan Naert, 292-6335.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

The second of 10 weekly Tuesday study groups at Holy Blossom Temple, is 9.45-11.30 a.m. Jan. 28, when Rabbi Elliot Feldman will probe Judaism and the Occult. Babysitting is available. For more details, contact Rhonda, 663-3812.

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND

A general meeting of Leukemia Research Fund takes place 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. Guest speaker, cooking instructor Marsha Rayman, will demonstrate the preparation of a Chinese dinner.

To inquire further, call Leukemia Research Fund office, 638-8522.

PARKINSONS & DAUGHTERS

Parkinsons & Daughters, a support group for adult children of people with Parkinson's disease, meets at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28 in Northern District Library, 40 Orchardview Blvd., Room 224.

For more information, contact Lori Katz, 964-1155.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

ADULT EDUCATION AT BETH EMETH

A three-part series examining international perspectives on racism and anti-Semitism concludes at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, with a lecture by Marvin Kurz, Central region co-chairman, League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, who will discuss North America: David Duke and Other Signs of Seething Intolerance.

Admission is free. Call 633-6224/633-3838 for details.

FOREST HILL PLACE ENTERTAINMENT

Forest Hill Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave., welcomes you to An Evening of Musical Enchantment with vocalist Faye Kellestein accompanied by Michael Kinch, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Reserve early as space is limited. Contact Marlene, 785-1511. Free admission.

SPECIAL FILM AT MCGILL CLUB

A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto: A Birthday Trip in Hell, a screening and discussion with filmmaker Jack Kuper, is planned for 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at The McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Everyone is welcome.

CHAT ALUMNI WORKSHOP

CHAT Alumni Association invites all college-age CHAT alumni and friends in JSU, JSF, JSC and NETWORK, to a workshop on Israel and the Media - to discover effective ways of combating anti-Israel and pro-Arab propaganda in campus newspapers - led by Susan Jackson and Danny Fine of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Meet in the CHAT gym, 200 Wilmington Ave., at 7.30 p.m. Jan. 29. Refreshments. Admission is \$2. RSVP to Marilyn Cohen, 636-4755.

JEWISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The public is invited to a meeting with the Jewish Genealogy Society of Canada, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, when Rabbi Yehiel Benayon, will provide A Capsule History of Sephardic Jewry (for genealogists). A handout listing resources in Sephardic genealogy will be available.

For further information call Peter Cullman, 964-2196, days, 756-7856, evenings.

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IMPACT OF SOVIET DISUNION

Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry is sponsoring a luncheon address on The Soviet Disunion and Its Impact on Soviet Jewry and Other Minorities, by Prof. Timothy J. Colton of Harvard University Russian Research Centre, at 12 noon, Friday, Feb. 14 in the Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Rd.

Cost is \$15. RSVP to Beverly Livshitz, 635-2883, ext. 143. To inquire further, call Bert Raphael, 594-1812.

HEBREW DAY SCHOOL, LONDON

For parents and their children approaching kindergarten age, there will be a Kabbalat Shabbat program at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Call Dahlia, (519) 439-8419, or visit the school at 247 Epworth Ave.

JEWISH STUDENTS' COUNCIL

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Jewish Students' Council (JSC) at Seneca hosts an open forum discussion with Rabbi Benji Jacoby of Ohr Somayach, to address Jewish issues on campus. This takes place at 1750 Finch Ave. E. in the SFC office.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., the JSC at Ryerson hosts a similar discussion with Rabbi Jacoby at 360 Victoria, Jorgenson Hall, Room A256C.

Wednesday, Jan. 29, the JSC at Seneca hosts a lecture and discussion with Rabbi Mendel Bernstein on The Jewish Messiah - Awaiting His Arrival. Refreshments, 1750 Finch Ave. E. in the SFC office, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11-1 p.m., the JSC at Ryerson hosts the Messiah discussion, Jorgenson Hall, Room A256C.

For details on the above JSC events, call Mahra, 636-1880.

AVNER THE ECCENTRIC AT POSLUNS

Avner The Eccentric, a one-man laughfest starring Avner Eisenberg, who appeared as a scene stealing holyman in the film, Jewel of the Nile, runs until Feb. 16 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Box office, 630-6752.

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Windsor Hadassah-WIZO's Woman of the Year, Anne Newman (right), receives a plaque from Nancy Helm, president, at the organization's luncheon in support of the Nahalal Agricultural School. One hundred women attended this event.

Shabbat Service, held the last Friday of every month at 7.30 p.m.

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BLUMENFELD CLENMAN READINGS

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman invites the public to two different Canada Council sponsored programs based on readings from her many works: at the Bohemian Embassy, 318 Queen St. W. 8.30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23; and at Partisan Gallery, 1200 Queen St. W., 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Blumenfeld Clenman's new book, *The Moon and the Oyster*, which parallels the existing film of the same title, by TV Ontario, is to be published by Orca.

LUNCH & LEARN

Lunch and Learn in Retirement meets at noon, Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Holy Blossom Temple, to hear Dr. Jay Keystone, a tropical disease specialist at Toronto Hospital consider India Through a Doctor's Eyes.

Bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. There is no fee and everyone is welcome.

KOFFLER GALLERY

Caricature and Conscience, a retrospective exhibition on the ceramic sculpture of Dora Wechsler (1895-1952), which examines human foibles with a socialist's eye, plus Recent Prints and Drawings by Lynne Lomofsky, its images whimsically drawn from housework related items, continue at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., through Feb. 28.

AGUDATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Agudath Israel Sisterhood presents a musical drama, *The Promise of the Garden*, performed by girls for an audience of women and children, 2.30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at Lawrence Park Collegiate Auditorium, 125 Chatsworth Dr. (Lawrence and Avenue Road).

Door prizes include a computer and cameras. Cost is \$7, ladies; \$5, children 12 and under. Advance tickets (offering preferred seating) are available at Negev Book and Gift Store, 3509 Bathurst St. and at Israel's The Judaica Centre, 441 Clark Ave. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Proceeds are for charity.

ISRAELI PROFESSIONALS

The committee of Israeli professionals which held a very successful Chanukah party, is looking for more Israelis to join the association in order to plan future events. Mail your name, phone number and address to the Association of Israeli Professionals, 152 Sheppard Ave. W., Willowdale, Ont., M2N 1M5. You will be answered promptly and an application immediately sent out.

MOALEM EXHIBITS AT HILLCREST

Gila Moalem exhibits mixed media - pen and ink and pencil drawings, air brush, water color and gouache, at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St., until Jan. 31.

BETH TIKVAH ISLAMIC LECTURES

The Origins of Islam and Muslim Attitudes Towards Judaism will be explored by Todd Lawson, professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Toronto, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 at Beth Tikvah Congregation, 3080 Bayview Ave.

At 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, Tunisian-born Sara Taieb Carlen, who is currently doing research at York University, will examine The Living Conditions of the Maghrebi Jews Under Islam. These lectures are sponsored by the synagogue's Adult Education Department. Cost to non-members is \$5.

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HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

Some of the youngsters who came from small Ontario Jewish communities to Toronto for the three-day kallah (conclave) of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's High School Outreach Education Program, get together to cheer their instructors. Twenty-eight teenagers from across the province participated. Heading the program is Susan Jackson, CJC regional director of community services and youth activities.

Organizations and People

What's New

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NY SYMPHONY FEATURES APPELEYARD

Internationally acclaimed vibraphonist **Peter Appleyard** donates his talents to the North York Symphony in a benefit performance at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. Patrons will be invited to a post-concert reception. Cost to patrons is \$100. Regular tickets are \$30 including GST. All tickets are available through the Leah Posluns theatre box office, 630-6752.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

Gain the competitive edge at the Leah Posluns Theatre School, 4588 Bathurst St., with Professionalize Yourself, an innovative course for the business professional, using acting techniques to enhance communication and presentation skills. The winter sessions run for eight weeks from 7-10 p.m. beginning in late January.

Instructor is actor/teacher **Shawn Zevit** and cost is \$365. To book an admission interview or for more details, call 636-2720.

SAY NO TO DRUGS

Kids Say No to Drugs, is a special breakfast program for youth and parents about drug awareness and the benefits of a drug-free lifestyle 10.30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave.

RSVP to the temple office by Thursday, Jan. 3.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering the following six-week programs:

One Marriage-Two Religions, for engaged and/or married couples from different religions (begins Monday, Feb. 17).

Mid-Life Separation and Divorce (starts Feb. 5).

Parenting the Young Child, 5-11, (begins Jan. 28); and

Marriage Preparation, for engaged couples (starts Feb. 5).

For further information about fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, Ext. 215.

CANTOR-IN-RESIDENCE

The Musical Heritage series at Holy Blossom Temple continues with **Nathan Lam** from Steven Wise Temple in Los Angeles as Cantor-in-Residence Jan. 24-26. At an Oneg Shabbat on Friday, Jan. 24, he will speak in conjunction with a film, *The Image of the Cantor in Motion Pictures*. On Jan. 25 he joins **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** for the 10.30 a.m. Shabbat morning service. He will address the Brotherhood Breakfast Club and show film clips about **Irving Berlin**, 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is now accepting registration for its courses. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 15 sessions.

All courses are under the supervision of **Joseph Klinger**. For consultation and registration, call him at 781-3571.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association presents a



80 YEARS

When his wife died in 1987, **Alex Kirk** set up the **Adele Leah (Kruceyk) Kirk Foundation** at Kibbutz Ein Hashofet. Now, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, he has added a sizeable contribution to the fund. **Kirk (right)** accepts a plaque from **Amal director Hy Fogelman**, honoring the **Adele Leah Kirk Foundation**.

workshop on Non-Violent Conflict Resolution by **Dr. Mark Leith**, president of the Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, 10.30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at St. Andrew's Junior High School, 131 Fenn Ave.

At 7.45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, *The Twice Promised Land*, a documentary by award winning film-maker **David Harel**, will be screened at the Jewish Community Centre, North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. Discussion with the director and refreshments follow.

Non-member admission is \$7. Call 445-4741 to reserve.

Reservation deadline is Jan. 25 for an adult potluck social - a murder mystery enactment, 7.45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the JCC N/E Valley. Non-member admission is \$10.

AT TEMPLE HAR ZION

Spend Shabbat at Temple Har Zion. Torah study and breakfast are at 9 a.m., morning service at 10.30 and luncheon, lecture and discussion with **Prof. Lewis Barth**, of Hebrew Union college, Los Angeles, follow. Cost is \$6. RSVP 889-2252.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT AND MUTUAL AID

Depression Support and Mutual Aid has openings for new members. To inquire, call in confidence to 783-6969.

SHAAREH HAIM ADULT EDUCATION

Shaareh Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave. continues with its Monday evening series. Classes, conducted by **Rabbi Lawrence Troster**, are 8-9.30 p.m. Register at the synagogue office on the first night of each unit for one mini-course or more. Cost per evening is \$5 members, \$7, non-members.

Unit 4, The Holiness of Eating, origins and meaning of the practice of eating kosher, is Feb. 3, 10, 17.

To inquire further, call 884-3353.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Associated Hebrew School of Toronto's Grade 8 students proudly present *Fiddler on the Roof*, directed by **Sharyn Stein-Hurwitz**, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Neptune Branch, 3630 Bathurst St.

For tickets, adults \$8, students \$6 and more information, call **Linda**, 789-2235.

HADASSAH-WIZO CONFERENCE

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO holds its Third National Aviv Conference for members 45 years and under Friday, Jan. 31-Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Prince Hotel, 900 York Mills Rd.

For additional information, contact **Fran Sonshine**, (416)445-0246, **Susie Zarnett**, (416)782-9090 or the national office in Montreal, (514)937-9431.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

You and your family are invited to celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Saturday, Feb. 1. Services are at 8.45 a.m. (sermon, **Ruth Kelman**) followed by luncheon with guest **Patricia Rucker**, editor, Canadian Jewish News, who will examine Religion and Politics: What your mother told you not to talk about in polite company.

Luncheon tickets, available at the synagogue office no later than Wednesday, Jan. 29, are members \$10/adult, \$7/children under 12; non-members/\$13. Babysitting.

For further information, call 633-3838.

VENDORS FOR CRAFT & GIFT SALE

Beersheba Club, Na-amat Canada, wants artisans, craft people, unique gift vendors, for a Craft and Gift Sale, Sunday, May 3 at Bayview Village Mall. Contact **Malka Mirsky**, 636-5425 (days) 633-6538 (evenings).

for seniors

Join the Bloor Y's Good Age Club, 750 Spadina Ave. for A Bintel Brief, 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23. Bagels and coffee. Cost is \$1.

At **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club**, 470 Glencairn Ave., reservations will be taken Monday and Wednesday mornings for the play, *Shirley Valentine*, at the Bluma Appel Theatre, 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 and for a Friday, May 15 ballet matinee of *The Merry Widow*, at the O'Keefe Centre. For details about the group's ongoing programs, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donation goes to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

If you are 55 or older, enjoy meeting new people and are looking for a challenging and exciting volunteer experience, join **Seniors Helping Seniors** today. This is a project of Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly). For more information, call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and

Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets 7.30-9.30 every Wednesday evening at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On Jan. 29 an Israeli movie will be shown. For information, call **Avner Meiri**, 771-0250, **Oved Azuri**, 631-9794 or **Shelley Dunkelman** at the Wagman Centre, 789-5131, ext. 2273.

Earl Bales Seniors Club features its next Sunday night dance to a live band, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Feb. 2 in the community centre. Members \$3 per person, non-members \$4. For details about ongoing activities, call 636-7856.

Every Wednesday morning from 10-11.30 a.m., current events discussions led by **Doug Haddow**, are held in Rooms A and B of the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. Come out and give your views on world issues. On Sunday, Jan. 26, from 2.30-3.30 p.m., there will be a social afternoon in the common room. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, **Naomi Bell** performs *Mothers and Wives - Jewish Women in Song*, 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Also at the Wagman Centre, an eight-week Minimal Vision Program for residents and members offers a session, **Let's Focus on Vision**, with vision rehabilitation nurse, **Ruth Pye**, 1.30-2.30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27, in the Fireside Lounge.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information call **Helen Issenberg**, 225-2112.

The Ontario government wants to improve long term care and support services and your input is needed. A meeting is slated for 1.30-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 at the Bernard Betel Centre. To inquire, call **Sheila Zane**, 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band 7.30-10.30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Cost is \$3 members, \$4 non-members.

Anyone 55 and over is welcome to call for information about the Keenagers, something new and exciting geared to the more energetic senior. Help plan and implement programs suited to your interests. Day trips and tours are also being considered. To sit on the planning committee or attend programs, you must be a member of the centre. For details, contact **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Add a spark to your day with Sunday Lunch, a delicious hot meal, starting Feb. 2. The cafeteria is open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and hot lunch is served from 11.30-1.30. Price is members \$4.50 non-members, \$7.50.

The Friendship Club for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On Jan. 30, **Bill Boden** will show slides of Toronto. Meetings are for Friendship Club members only. Fee is \$1. Refreshments.

at the JCC

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is offering a free financial planning seminar, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. To inquire, call 924-6211. Organizers are looking for students and amateur artists to exhibit at Bloor Y's Centrefest

Art Show and Sale, Sunday, March 22. For information, call 924-6211.

Sunday at Bloor features **Bluma Schonbrun and Company** in concert, 2.30 p.m. at the Bloor Y. Tickets are \$6. For more information phone **Luni**, 924-6211.

N/E Valley offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7-11.30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per session. This is for members. For additional information, call **Nurit**, 889-0813.

Stone Sculpture is on Wednesday nights at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, JCC North, 4588 Bathurst St. Also available are **Raku**, Tuesday afternoons and **Life Drawing Without An Instructor**, Fridays, all day. For more information on these and other courses in the winter session, contact **Rose Brinder**, 636-1880, ext. 269, or 636-2145.

About People



Samuel J. (right) and Jean Sable

EDUCATOR NAMED TO SABLE CHAIR

Social work educator **Dr. Norman Linzer**, has been named to the **Samuel J. and Jean Sable Chair** in Jewish Family and Social Work at Yeshiva University's Wurzeiler School of Social Work in New York. The Chair honors the Sables, Toronto philanthropists and Jewish communal leaders.

Among numerous communal affiliations, Samuel Sable is a member of the executive and former president of Shaare Shomayim Congregation, treasurer and vice president of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital, national secretary of Canadian Jewish Congress and past president and board chairman of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Jean Sable is a past vice president of Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood and a life member of Hadassah and the Women's division of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations.

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Scholarships allow youth to make mark in community

TORONTO —

The Council of Executives of Jewish Communal Agencies has begun seeking candidates for its Communal Service Graduate Studies Scholarship program.

Developed by the Council of Executives under the aegis of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the annual scholarships total \$15,000 and are divided among the recipients.

The endowment fund of the federation's United Jewish Welfare Fund allots money for the scholarship program.

According to Randy Spiegel, endowment associate, the application process demands a lot of the prospective recipients.

"The people who are awarded scholarships have a great opportunity to make a positive mark in the Jewish community," Spiegel says. "We want to encourage them that the Jewish world is a viable, professional option."

Spiegel explains that along with the scholarship come obligations, both moral and legal.

"The recipients have to be willing to keep their commitment. They basically sign a piece of paper that says, 'I agree to work with the Jewish community after I graduate' or they are legally bound to repay the scholarship," he points out.

Four members of Toronto's Jewish community were awarded

scholarships last year. Yonina Razin, Cindy Greenblatt-Almog, Philip Lambert and Ulana Abramson will be making their contributions to Jewish society in Toronto, thanks to the federation.

Razin, who was awarded a scholarship through the program last year, is attending her second year at Wurzeiler — Yeshiva University in New York City. Razin, 22, is working toward a certificate in Jewish communal service, a three-year study program.

Helped found Yavneh Olami

Recently married, the Willowdale resident graduated from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. Razin attended the University of Toronto and received a bachelor's degree in Judaic studies from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She studied at Brovender's, a women's seminar in Jerusalem, and also attended the seminar's full summer program.

She is one of the founders of Yav-

neh Olami, an Zionist organization for religious young adults.

Greenblatt-Almog, 25, graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1988. The Winnipeg native is enrolled in a master's program in social work at Wurzeiler. She attended the University of Tel Aviv. She was a residential counsellor at New Vision Homes, where she worked with the developmentally disabled.

Lambert, a North York resident, graduated from Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Que. in 1990. The 26-year-old is pursuing a degree in anthropology from the University of Western Ontario in London. He is one of five graduate students accepted each year into that department.

Lambert has been working with the developmentally handicapped. He drafted a proposal for a religious group home within the Toronto Jewish community and has worked with Reena Foundation for several years.

Ulana Abramson, 29, was accepted to Wurzeiler for a master of social work degree. Abramson, who underwent an Orthodox conversion last year, has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Toronto. Most recently, she was a full-time secretary at the federation.

Information about scholarships is available by calling the federation's endowment associate, Randy Spiegel, at 635-2883, ext. 145.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date. For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.

A Touch of Class (35-55) invites you to start the New Year on the right foot. **Coffee, Refreshment and Dance Night.** Sunday, January 26th. 8:00pm. Cost \$7.00. Everyone welcome.

Call and reserve for upcoming Valentine party, possibly with Israeli singer! Call Sonia, 771-8448. 8416

Metro Toronto Singles presents "The Prince of Tides" party at **Pete and Marty's**, 160 Eglinton Avenue East (east of Yonge Street). Sunday, February 2nd. 8:00pm. Bottle of wine to the best Barbara Streisand and Nick Nolte look-alikes. Cover \$10.00. For information 222-7111. 8403

***Games Jewish Singles Play** Saturday, February 1st. 7:30pm. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook (South of Lawrence, East off Dufferin). *Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Scrabble, Balderdash, Yuk-Yuk, Pictionary etc. Early Bird Bingo. 7:30-8:00pm. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission \$5.00. Information, Mollie 733-3634. 8319

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor "Y" Branch, 750 Spadina Avenue presents "Sunday at Bloor". Featuring Bluma Schonbrun and Company in concert performing songs from Shayne Chalmers (Hebrew and Yiddish songs). Sunday, January 26th. 2:30pm. Tickets \$6.00. For tickets and information call Luni at 924-6211.

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor "Y" Branch Twentysomething Downtowners Club (24-35 years). Join us for **brunch** and a tour of the **AGO**. Sunday, February 2nd. 11:30am. Meet at 750 Spadina Avenue. Cost \$17.00. To reserve and for more information call Luni at 924-6211. 8362

The North East Valley Singles Connection invites you to our "Warm Up To Winter" dance on Sunday January 26. 8:00pm at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie Street. Join us for D.J., dancing, cash bar, light refreshments. Cost is \$8.00 at the door. For more information call Nurit at 889-0813. 8417

Lishar Productions presents a party at Club Bluenote, 128 Pears Avenue. **Featuring Bobby Dupont with The Royals** playing a tribute to The Righteous Brothers. Friday, January 31st. 7:00pm. Cover \$10.00. For more information call 783-0973. 8418

Metro Toronto Singles and Tower Travel presents our 2nd annual **Singles Rendezvous in Israel**. March 25-April 8. Meet singles from around the world. For information 222-7111. 8404

L.Goodman, C.Usher, D.Kerbel present "La Party", our biggest one yet!!! With the incredible sounds of "Reflections". Thursday, February 6th, 1992, 8:00pm. **Merlins Nightclub** (Camelot Restaurant). 759 Mount Pleasant Road (just South of Eglinton). \$12.00 cover. Dinner reservations available 486-8147. Grand prize: Trip for 2 to Atlantic City courtesy of Travel 24 Inc. and Atlantic City Getaways. A donation to The Children's Wish Foundation will be made. 8388

Valentine's Celebration Party All Ladies Free!!!!

Wiseblatt, Goldstein, Cohen and Rubenstein invite all singles to an unbelievable sweetheart of a party at the fabulous **Key West Sports Cafe**, 5150 Yonge Street (3 lights north of Sheppard at the North York City Centre, concourse level). Thursday, February 13th. 8:00pm. Door cover \$10.00, but all ladies free, free, free!!! The kitchen will be open for 20 cent wings all night. For details or directions, call **Key West Hotline 250-8977**. Leave this night open to meet your sweetheart!!!

P.S. Underground parking off Parkhome will be validated. 8433

Adath Israel Singles (Ages 30-50) presents **Sunday Brunch** on February 2, 1992 at 11:30am. Theme: **Economic Forum** with guest speakers Kay Saunders, Director, Placement Centre at Jewish Vocational Services on "Career Survival in a Dead Economy" and Danny Rosenzweig, Partner, Kroschick, Levine, and Rosenzweig, Chartered Accountants, on "Financial Planning Strategies for the Single Person". Prepaid reservations by Tuesday, January 28 are \$12.00 per person. (Chèques payable to Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview, M3H 1A4.) 8405

Toronto's Orthodox Singles Inc. presents **Two Exciting Shabbatonim**. February 14-17 in Asbury Park, New Jersey, or March 20-22 in Toronto (Clanton Park Congregation). For more information call Sharon Ganz 785-0761, Ruth Balofsky 764-5833. 8421

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, January 25th. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is \$20.00 for non-members, and \$15.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is \$9.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010. 8140

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We offer our sincere condolences to his wife, children and extended family.

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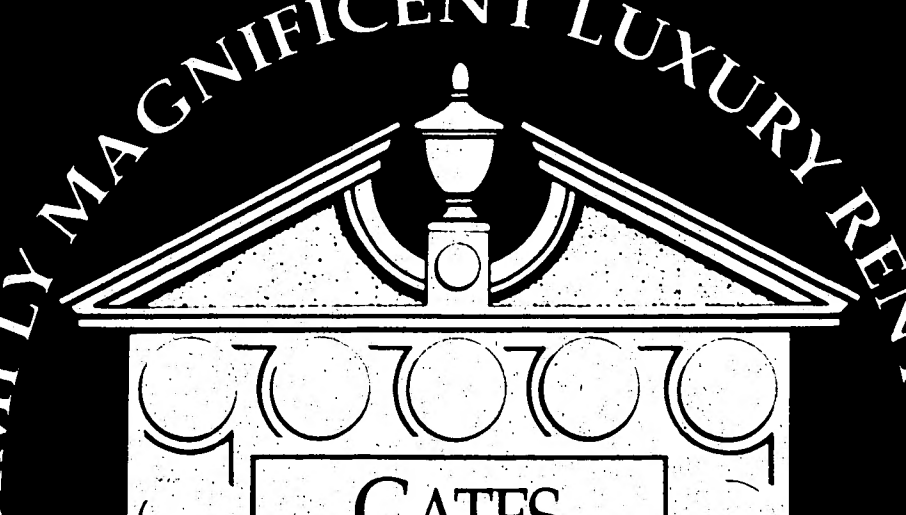
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Jewish law students conference set

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

The fourth annual conference of the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association, a national umbrella organization which includes an estimated 500 students across the country, will be held at the Primrose Hotel here from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.

Founded in 1987 at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School, the association now includes local Jewish law student groups at 15 Canadian universities. Its mandate includes

education, promoting leadership activities and fostering legal and research skills.

Lobby
day

CJLSA events include an annual lobby day at Parliament, the publication of human rights reports, and human rights missions abroad.

Registration for the conference is \$95 which includes two nights' ac-

commodation, kosher meals and all conference events. Registration for Friday night dinner alone, with Quebec Supreme Court Justice Alan Gold as keynote speaker, is \$25.

Saturday events are shomer shabbat (no microphones) and include two panel discussions — The Charter of Rights and its Consistency with Fundamental Jewish Values (Professor Bruce Ellman, Alan Borovoy and Shayna Kravetz) and Youth Racist Crime and the Law (a five-member panel mediated by The Hon. Mr. Justice W. Tarnopolsky) — along with a debate on The Boundaries of

Advocacy: Looking Beyond the Ghetto (Professor Irwin Cotler and Clayton Ruby, moderated by Marvin Kurz). Shabbat services are also planned.

U.S. community leader Rabbi Avi Weiss will speak on Sunday about Social Activism: The Art of Skilfully Crying Out for Attention.

Elections will be held for national executive positions.

For further information or to register, contact conference co-chairmen Adam Kardash (416)665-0357 or Ely Razin (416)221-3546.

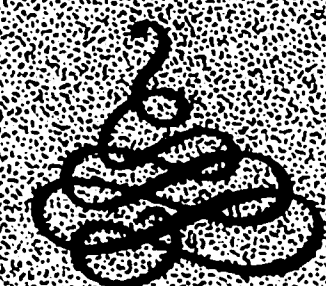


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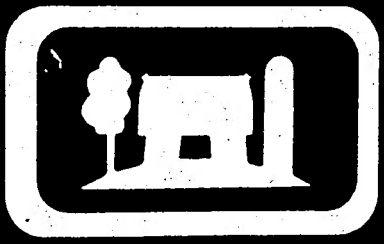
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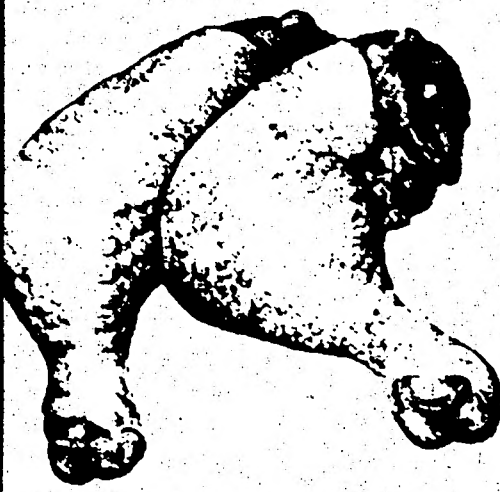
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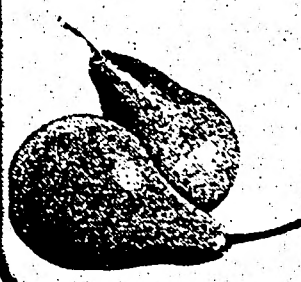
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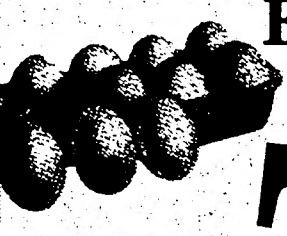
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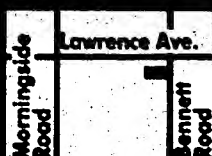
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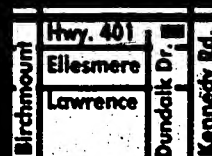
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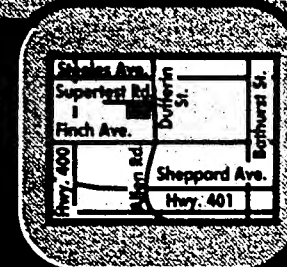
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Organizations and People

Israel 'wins' big in peace talks

By
BEN ROSE

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So far Israel is a winner in round two of the Middle East peace process, David Goldberg, education director of the Foundation for Middle East Studies, said here recently.

"Israel has won the battle of the corridors in Washington by successfully resisting the splitting of the Palestinian-Jordanian delegation," Goldberg said. "It's lost a battle in media imagery but in terms of 'real politik' it's a winner." Israel's delay in attending the Washington talks did not result in a big media backlash.

He spoke to a special briefing at B'nai Brith Centre sponsored by the Israel Affairs Committee and the Institute for International Affairs, attended by an overflow audience of 150.

Another speaker at the briefing, Frank Dimant, B'nai Brith Canada executive vice-president, said procedural difficulties in round two

will be overcome. "It is in the interests of the Arabs to stay at the table because they believe Shamir will be able to deliver something," he said.

During negotiations, settlements in the territories will go ahead, and new tenants will move into the old city in East Jerusalem because this is the position of the governing Likud party, Dimant said.

In the corridors, members of the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation are finally starting to talk about interim self-government which is a positive sign for Israel, Goldberg said.

He predicted that Israel will resist any linkage between the repeal of the Zionism is Racism resolution by the UN and the peace talks and will refuse to soften its stand because of the UN action. Also Israel will not accept a linkage between the \$10 billion loan guarantee by the United States and the peace process, he said.

However, Israel faces a tough decision in the future because "it can't have both the American money and

the settlements," Goldberg said, even though it refuses to accept a link between the Soviet aliyah and the settlements.

The two speakers differed on the main concerns of the Israeli public today, Goldberg maintaining it is the economy, not the peace process, while Dimant argued that the preoccupation of the Israelis is with the division of money for religious institutions.

Even though American Jewry would rather deal with an Israeli government headed by Labor Party chief Shimon Peres, it is time for them to "wake up" and give the Likud party government of Yitzhak Shamir the support it deserves, Dimant said.

In answer to a question from the audience about what started the peace process, Dimant replied: "Israel knew to what lengths the United States would go for cheap oil."

Sheldon Lerman, national chairman of the Israel Affairs Committee, was chairman.

Adath Israel to host top scholar

TORONTO —

Adath Israel Brotherhood and Adath Israel Adult Education will host visiting scholar-in-residence Noam Sachs Zion from the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, for their Third Annual Great Weekend, Friday, Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8 at Adath Israel Synagogue.

The program will focus on the modern Jewish family, and have relevance for parents, children and grandparents.

Zion, an outstanding educator and scholar, is director of teacher education at the Hartman Institute, and co-ordinator of the Institute's Centre for Jewish Values. In these capacities he trains teachers and develops Jewish value curricula for the Ministry of Education which are used for Torah

education in Israeli high schools.

Additionally, Zion is the vice-principal of the Hartman Institute's Charles E. Smith High School in Jerusalem. He is acknowledged for his ability to imbue in his students a loving commitment to Torah and a respect and appreciation of people with different beliefs.

At the family Shabbat dinner for Adath Israel members on Feb. 7, Zion's theme is First Born: Plague or Privilege. He describes it as a discussion on parental expectations and disappointments and how they interact with sibling rivalry.

From the pulpit on Shabbat morning, Feb. 8, he will speak on Jewish Marriage as a Life of Ongoing Negotiations. According to Zion, this presentation will be a "tough mind-

ed, unromantic view of living together."

Zion will consider rabbinic debates on everyday issues such as competing career opportunities, in-law problems, and other contemporary challenges in marriage. The community is invited to attend Shabbat morning services which begin at 9 a.m.

Following the services, Zion will be the guest at a lunch for members of the congregation.

Saturday evening, at 7:30 p.m., Zion will screen the 1955 movie version of John Steinbeck's classic *East of Eden*, starring James Dean.

The public is invited to attend both Shabbat morning services and the Saturday evening program. The Friday evening program and Shabbat luncheon are open to members of Adath Israel Congregation only.

The charge for the Saturday evening program is \$4 per person. All events take place at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., one block north of Wilson and one block east of Bathurst.

The event chairman, Gary Shiff and his committee, along with the leadership of the joint sponsors of the Great Weekend, Brotherhood president Howard Goldstein and adult education chairman Kolman Lovinsky, look forward to a thought provoking and insightful weekend.

Shloshim service planned

TORONTO —

Shloshim for Rabbi Gedalia Felder, renowned halachic scholar, communal leader, and founder of COR, the kashruth supervisory body of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region, will be observed Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. at Shomrai Shaboth Congregation, 585 Glengrove Ave. W. Rabbi Felder was spiritual leader of the synagogue.

In his memory, a siyum concluding the study of a portion of Talmud will be conducted by one of the rabbi's three sons.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, president of the Vaad Harabonim of Ontario, will speak on behalf of that organization.

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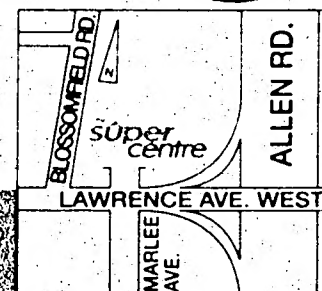
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Organizations and People

There is plenty of good left in Israel

Student Voice

By
LAURA ROSEN

OK I admit it. I have a problem. I am an Israelophile. The hallmarks of this obsessive-compulsive disorder are quite obvious and noticeable. I think about it all the time, listen to Israeli music, and love speaking Hebrew with my friends. I am unable to focus on national or international news until I have scanned the *Globe and Mail* every morning for Middle East stories.

If this pattern of behavior sounds familiar, you probably fall into the same category. It happens to people of all ages, and comes on particularly strong after a life-changing trip to that crazy little country.

For me, that feeling was permanently etched in my mind after visiting Yad Vashem. I was just about to leave when I noticed a black and white photograph of several young, healthy men raising the Israeli flag just after the founding of the State of Israel. They were people who, at that time, must have been very close to my age now. They were Jews who planted that flag in Israel with the shadow of the Holocaust hovering over them. They could have been the only survivors of their families, or perhaps underground fighters. Whoever they were, they absolutely epitomized the spirit of Jewish resilience that gave birth to the state.

I am proud to be associated with that very spirit because I am a Jew. I am grateful that I have an open invitation to become a citizen of the Jewish state, should I decide one day to live there.

In a matter of seconds, that photograph solidified in my mind what I had previously found somewhat difficult to put into words. It symbolized the permanent link that exists between the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Israel advocacy is often substituted by Jewish people as opposed to the practice of an "Orthodox" lifestyle. More Jews than ever are religiously Zionist but not religious Zionists. Israel's safety, security and public image are huge concerns. For many Jewish students and adults, the Is-

rael connection is the strongest pull to Judaism that they have.

This is one reason why most Jewish people are particularly sensitive to criticism about Israel. It is the only Jewish state. It is the only country in the whole world where the majority of the population is Jewish. When Israel is attacked, the habitual response is to question whether or not there are any anti-Semitic undertones to the charges. More often than not, there are traces of anti-Semitism to be found in even the most seemingly mild anti-Israel or anti-Zionist comments.

Israel-bashing is a socially acceptable phenomenon. For example, it is not correct in public to call someone a "kike" or "Hymie." However, it is OK to accuse Israel of being a racist/imperialist/colonialist/expansionist/ (pick your "ist") state. It is not in vogue to brag to someone that you "jewed down" a price. But it is not

socially sanctioned way of disguising Jew-hatred.

So, does this mean that every critic of Israel is an anti-Semite? Does this mean that Israel must be exempt from any accountability or responsibility no matter what the circumstance? No, of course not. There is not a single country or policy in the world that does not benefit from constructive criticism, and practical suggestions. It is when the comments and accusations have a destructive or malicious edge that one must question the motives of the writer, or accuser.

Israel, like any other country, has made errors of policy in the past. And, like any other country, it will continue to have domestic problems and foreign concerns. Criticism can be negative or positive. Arguments ideally should be composed of comments and constructive advice, and not solely the scathing criticism that makes up a vast portion of commentary directed towards the Jewish state.

It is easy to find glib or quixotic solutions for any number of world problems. From a distance, even the problems in Israel seem extremely solvable. "If only the Israelis would..." is a familiar refrain.

It should be noted that the action of individuals can make a profound impact. Israel has uniquely offered all the Jewish people of the world a chance to affect policy from within Israel. Jews around the world who are disheartened over what "those Israelis" are doing have a permanent invitation to determine Israel's domestic and foreign policies, from within. There is no other country in the world that can boast of such an invitation to its exiled brethren. Domestic pressure has proven in the past to be an extremely effective catalyst for change within a country, especially in Israel.

One should never deny that Israel has made mistakes. If something is true, it should be acknowledged though it might be painful to admit. However, Israel's mistakes must be put into the proper context. Jewish activists must cultivate a climate that pays balanced attention to other world problems equally disturbing, or even more horrifying than the Palestinian issue or Israeli shortcomings. Tragically, such events do happen quite often, though they rarely get as much media coverage as do Israel-related stories.

Remember that there is much good to be found within Israel, and we should proudly expose our strengths just as liberally as we have been known to expose our weaknesses.

Laura Rosen, a graduate of the University of Toronto, is currently living in Jerusalem and working for the World Zionist Organization.

Universally sanctioned form of anti-Semitism

unusual to find a columnist or speaker suggesting that Israelis are treating the Palestinians worse than the Nazis treated the Jews, or worse than black South Africans are treated by their white minority government.

This is the second reason why many Jews get angry when Israel is criticized in a destructive manner. Israel-bashing is an almost universally sanctioned form of anti-Semitism. It has been given a repeated stamp of approval from the United Nations, most notably the 1975 General Assembly resolution which condemned Zionism as a form of racial discrimination. The term "Zionist" is used widely in anti-Semitic propaganda to identify Jews. Those who spit out the word "Zionist" in their rhetoric or written work realize that the term is a more delicate, palatable and



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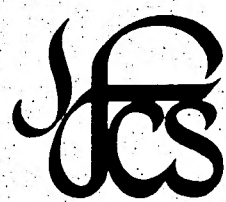
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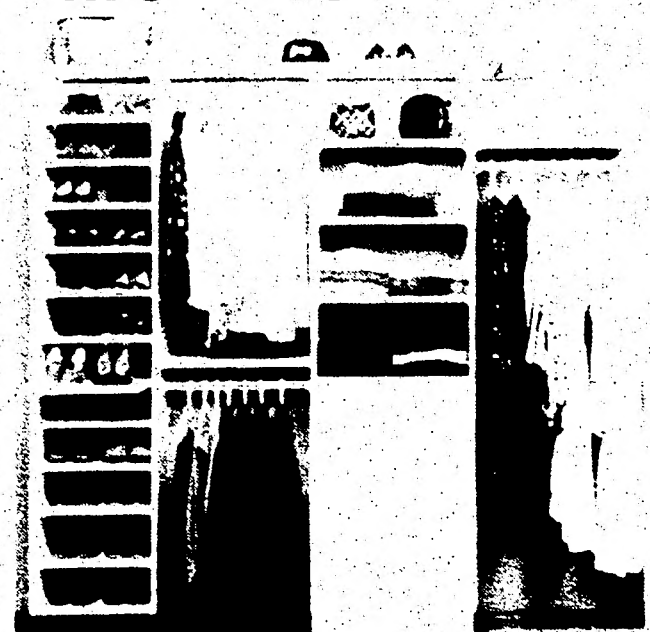
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Winnipeg CJA pulls in more donors

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Although donations to Winnipeg's Combined Jewish Appeal campaign are slightly down this year, the good news is that the number of people giving is up.

"We have added approximately 2,800 new givers to our base over the last three campaigns," says CJA campaign director Sheldon Zamick. "We're beating the bushes looking for prospects. We've lost some major givers through death or financial circumstances."

Winnipeg's campaign is the only major campaign with a two-line card giving donors the opportunity to decide how much each wants to give for local needs and how much for Israel. Zamick notes the percentage being designated for Israel is rising. "That is putting pressure on local funding beneficiaries," he says. "We still have a number of major gifts that are incomplete. Even then, we will probably still be down a smidgen. There may have to be some cutbacks."

He notes the Winnipeg campaign is not doing as badly as some of the recession-hit American campaigns. "I'm optimistic that Winnipeggers are trying their best to give quality gifts," he says.

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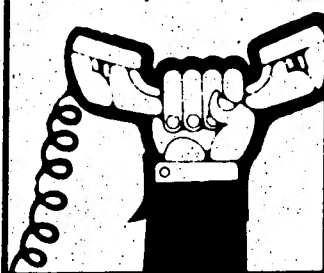
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Organizations and People

Reform, PC on hot seat at Network convention

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Students who attended the recent Network Canada convention at the Park Plaza Hotel here had the opportunity to ask some pointed questions of Steven Harper, chief policy adviser, Reform Party of Canada and Barbara Greene, MP, who were speakers at a morning workshop.

Harper's speech provided background on the Reform party, which was founded in Western Canada in 1987. "We believe that Canada should be regarded as a balanced, democratic federation of provinces," Harper said.

The Reform party has completed a 30-page evaluation of the government's constitutional proposals, Harper said. "There are a number of good points [but] we believe [the government has] made a fundamental mistake. The government has really given up control of the constitutional agenda. The whole process is being driven by the referendum deadline set in Quebec. It's very important that the federal government reassume control of the constitutional timetable."

In a question-and-answer session following the talks, the question of why people like Wolfgang Droege [former associate leader of Canadian Ku Klux Klan] and convicted hate-monger Don Andrews are attracted to the Reform party was raised. Harper initially seemed surprised: "I'm not aware of either individual or their participation in the party. These groups have generally attacked us rather than supported us."

In the last election we did have one individual who secured an unconstitutional nomination who had professed racist views. [Party leader Preston] Manning cancelled his nomination. If worst comes to worst, we are prepared to cancel [party] memberships."

Greene suggested that "the reason that type of person seems to be attracted to the Reform party is that they are attacking a very fundamental part of Canada (mul-



Barbara Green

ticulturalism). They are interpreting [the Quebec situation] in a way that suggests that the French are getting more than others. I think that that kind of attitude creates a racist backlash."

When asked about immigration policies, Harper began by stating that "it is not true that the [Reform] party has any immigration policies based on race or color."

The Reform party has suggested that immigration criteria be shifted more strongly to Canada's economic needs, that family reunification should continue (and should continue to be restricted to immediate family), and that the government should take stronger action to curb abuse of the refugee system, Harper said.

Harper was challenged on using Canada's economic needs as a major criterion: "It doesn't have to be an exclusionary type of thing," he answered. "I challenge people who believe that immigration should not be based on Canada's economic needs: what should it be based on?"

Greene took the opportunity to explain the current point system used to assess potential immigrants, admitting that the refugee category is "contentious. We have over a million applications. We only accept 250,000 people per year."

"That long humanitarian tradition of Canada, in which we accepted people who needed to escape from persecution, is in jeopardy. We have to maintain that tradition. It's very, very important."

When Greene was challenged on Canada's "long humanitarian tradition" and was reminded of Canada's inhospitableness to Jewish refugees during World War II, she amended her words to "more recent."

"This has got to be the best country in the world," Greene had said earlier. "Let's keep it that way."

Correction

A photo caption in the Jan. 9 issue incorrectly read that Harbord Collegiate, which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in May, is the oldest high school in Metro. Jarvis Collegiate is actually the oldest, dating back to 1807. Central Technical School is second-oldest, at 101 years old. Harbord and Humber Collegiate each mark their centennial this year.

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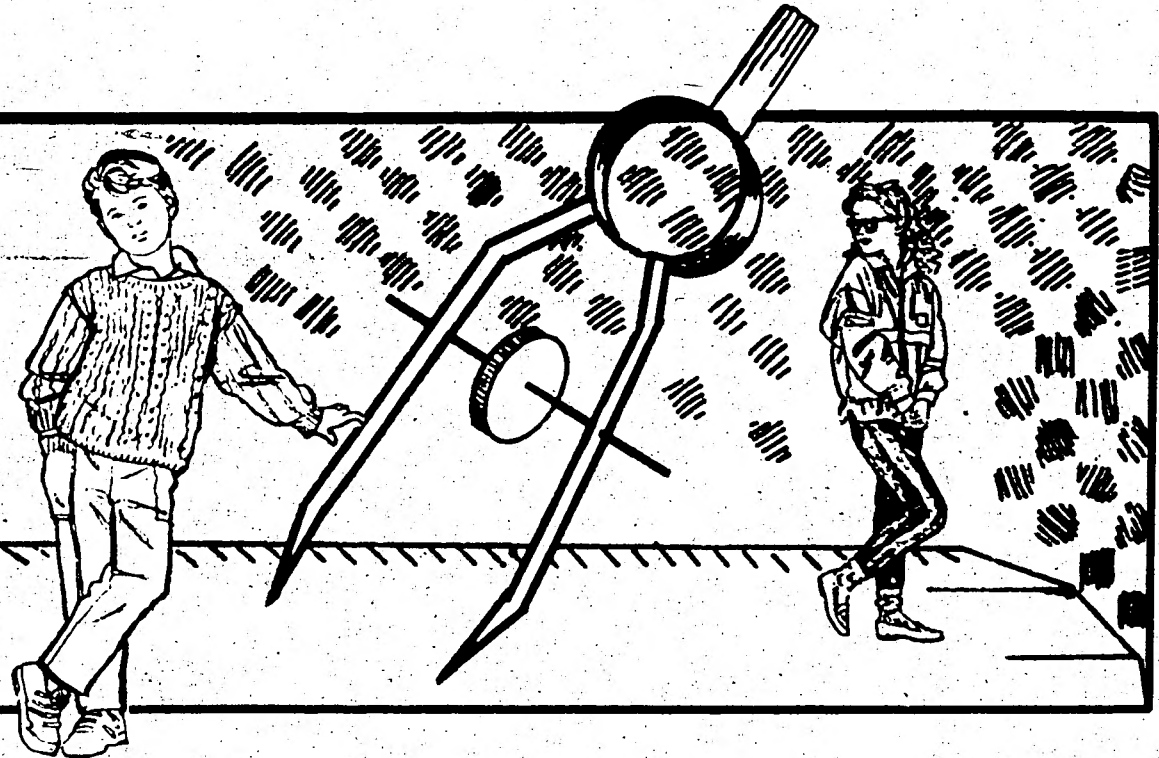
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Report on Education



CJN joins students on the road of life

By
FRANCES KRAFT

As the turn of the millenium draws closer, The CJN takes a look at education, Judaism, Israel and life in Canada through the eyes of four students who will be young adults in the year 2000. Chaim Greenwald, Alison Bresver, Naomi Emerson and Jacob Korenblum are all within a year of their bar/bat mitzvah, the threshold of adulthood in Jewish life. They were chosen by their respective (Jewish) schools as being fairly typical examples of the background they represent. This article is the first in a long-term series. We will be in touch with the youngsters at intervals and will report on their changing perceptions every couple of years, wrapping up the series in the year 2000.

At 13, Chaim Greenwald is the senior member of the group. A Grade 8 student at Eitz Chaim Day School, he is keenly aware of his increased religious responsibilities now that he is 13. "Now I have to keep all the mitzvahs," he says, admitting that the prospect is a little scary.

"I like a lot about my school," Chaim says, despite the long hours (7:50 to 4:35 with a shorter day on Friday, and an extra 2 3/4 hours on Sunday). He feels the teachers are receptive to questions and are there "to turn to."

Next year, he says, he will probably attend Ner Israel Yeshiva, where his 14-year-old brother (they are the oldest of five children) is a student. Grade 9 students at Ner Israel have the option of boarding at the school. "I'd like to see how it is living on my own," says Chaim enthusiastically.

Like many of his peers, observant or not, Chaim is an avid collector of baseball and hockey cards. His room reflects his varied interests. A compact short-wave radio sits on the desk. A bookcase holding Chaim's treasured Hebrew texts, many of which were bar mitzvah gifts, shares wall space with a Wayne Gretzky poster. A humorous "My Flight to Israel" poster hangs on another wall. Hebrew music (Chaim's favorite) can be heard on the ghetto-blaster.

Chaim is a veteran of two family trips to Israel. He will always remember going to the Kotel, he says. Seeing all the Hebrew bookstores, and seeing so many Jews, are the images that stay with him. "[But] as many Jews as there are, there are also Arabs. It's very interesting to see." He feels Israel is "a lot safer than Canada," although he suspects some of his friends might not agree. When asked whether he would like to live there, his answer is simple: "It's my dream." Does he have other dreams? Again the answer is simple. One word. "Moshiach."



Chaim Greenwald

What does being Jewish mean to someone like Chaim? "It means that we're different. We have to act differently." He cites clothes, schooling and the laws of kashrut and Shabbat. On being reminded that some Jews don't follow those laws,

he replies with soft-spoken confidence, "For me that's what it is. For other people it isn't."

Alison Bresver, a Grade 7 French immersion student at a Toronto public school, is the only one of the four youngsters not attending a Hebrew day school. She is a student at Temple Emanu-El's supplementary school — religious school on Sunday morning and Bet Sefer B'Yachad (an amalgamation of Temple Emanu-El's Hebrew school and Holy Blossom's Northern Branch Hebrew School) two afternoons a week.

Alison's bat mitzvah will take place at the temple this spring, shortly after she turns 13 and, like Chaim, she is aware of "becoming an adult in the community." Being the first female in her family to have a bat mitzvah, she says, "it's a big step for me."



Alison Bresver

Like Chaim, she enjoys having more independence now that she is older. "When you get to around 15 or 16, you're not really a kid any more," she says. "This is kind of like the middle of my 'kid-hood'." The only thing she doesn't like about being 12 is that some people still talk to her as if she were 8 or 9 years old. "It's kind of a pain," she says.

Another "pain" for Alison is going to school after school twice a week. "You're done school, and then you have to go to another school. It makes your week a lot busier." A snack of cookies and juice that is provided by the school helps to offset sagging energy levels.

Career plans are still hazy for Alison. At this point she is more concerned with plans for high school, and whether she should continue in French immersion. She would like to have children one day, and like all her peers interviewed for this article, her family topped the list of people who are important to her.

Alison's father visited Israel this summer: the rest of the family has yet to go. "I don't think I'd really want to live there," says Alison. "There's quite a bit of conflict." She is looking forward to visiting Israel when she is 15 or 16 with Temple Emanu-El's confirmation group.

What would Alison do if she were prime minister of Israel? "I'd probably try to get peace with its neighbors, but I don't know how successful that would be because the prime minister now is trying."

When asked what she would do if she were prime minister of Canada, Alison's answer was swift, and matched Chaim's and Naomi's: "I'd take away the GST." The economy and the situation of the homeless also trouble her. "I'd try to supply shelters for the homeless — big ones with rooms and beds. I'd try to [lower] prices for those in trouble because of the recession. I'd stop layoffs if I could."

A social conscience is part of the value system taught at Temple Emanu-El. Pondering a question on what it means to be Jewish, Alison thinks of the values she has learned at religious school, including peace and forgiveness, but

points out that they are not exclusive to Judaism.

At the public school she attends, Jews are a minority group, but there is no discrimination, says Alison. "I know I'm Jewish, and other people know I'm Jewish, but nobody makes an issue of it. Everyone's the same. Everyone's a kid."

Most of Alison's close friends are Christian and, ironically, they know more about Judaism than she knows about Christianity. Chanukah has been explained at her school, "because they always assume that people don't know about Chanukah."

Alison's mother, Barbara, has made a tradition of coming into the school with her Cuisinart and making latkes with the students. This year Alison invited two non-Jewish friends to her house at Chanukah. "We said the blessings in Hebrew and explained briefly what they meant. They liked the latkes and the dreidels."

Since the Bresver family joined Temple Emanu-El several years ago, Alison's Jewish awareness and participation has increased. The family attends High Holiday services and some Friday night services. Barbara makes challah — from scratch — every Friday, and Alison braids it before it is baked.

As part of bar/bat mitzvah preparation, students at Temple Emanu-El must do volunteer work in the community and keep a diary on the experience. Alison spent two weeks last summer working with hearing-impaired preschoolers at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf. She learned sign language and found the work to be challenging, frustrating at times, and ultimately satisfying. Alison must complete the assignments of 13 JAM (Jewish Active Mitzvot) cards prepared by Temple Emanu-El. One of these assignments was to prepare a family recipe, which led to the weekly challah-baking. Other cards include mitzvot such as planting a tree in Israel and saying prayers. "One of the reasons we joined [Temple Emanu-El] is that they try to make it so meaningful," Barbara told *The CJN*.

To add further meaning to Alison's bat mitzvah and to create an heirloom, the Bresvers are having a tallis made for her, incorporating strands of the wool that a close family friend used to make Alison's most treasured baby blanket. The tallis will be adorned with leaves to represent Alison's family tree, each leaf having a name, with the exception of four or five blank ones for future generations.

Naomi Emerson, a Grade 7 student at Associated Hebrew Schools, celebrated her bat mitzvah last May when she turned 12. The youngest of three children in an Orthodox family, she celebrated with a party at home following bat mitzvah classes at B'nai Torah Congregation, where the Emersons are members.



Naomi Emerson

Like Chaim and Jacob, Naomi finds that day school hours are long. Associated hours are 8:30 to 4:30, with a shorter Friday during the winter. She likes being with other Jewish kids, and more



Jacob Korenblum

specifically, she likes being in a class where most of the students are Orthodox. She hesitates to draw comparisons with public schools, as she has never attended one, but notes that Associated has none of the violence you read about in articles on some public schools.

She expects she will attend Ulpanat Orot, an Orthodox girls' high school that her sister currently attends. Some of her friends are considering Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto or Ulpanah.

For now Naomi is enjoying the variety of teachers and subjects to be found in junior high. "It's much better [than last year]," she says.

When she is not busy with schoolwork, Naomi likes to read, write letters and talk on the phone. She is also active in B'nei Akiva, and she likes sports, especially basketball. Associated has girls' teams that play against each other at lunchtime, but the only after-school teams, which play other schools, are for boys. The student council is trying to change that, says Naomi.

Naomi travelled to Israel with her older brother this past summer as her bat mitzvah present and spent six weeks visiting relatives, including two cousins her own age. Naomi's mother is from Israel, and her grandparents still live there. Naomi would like to live in Israel "because my family is there, and because it's our country."

"I don't like what's going on when they have things against Israel in the paper. They usually don't have the real facts. My [non-Jewish] neighbors said, 'How could you go there?' They think it's dangerous. When you're there it's peaceful and nice."

"If I were prime minister of Israel," says Naomi, "I wouldn't give back land."

Being Jewish, for Naomi, means observing Shabbat, keeping kosher, learning Torah, doing the mitzvot, believing in God. "It's always been with me," she says. "It's a part of my life."

Eventually, Naomi sees herself combining "something to do with literature or journalism" with marriage and children. "I want to have a family and children and be able to take care of them." She would be following the example of her mother, who works from home and has always been available for her children. "That's the way I want to bring up my children," says Naomi.

"Everything's leading up to the bar mitzvah," says Bialik-Hebrew Day School student Jacob Korenblum about being 12. With eight months to go until his bar mitzvah next fall, he admits to being "sort of excited."

At this age he's aware of imminent social problems such as smoking and drinking that have been discussed in class, but "nothing's really happened yet."

At 9 to 4, his hours are the shortest of the day school students interviewed, but they are still

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

CJN EDUCATION SURVEY

The following schools and educational programs responded to a questionnaire sent out by *The Canadian Jewish News* in December, 1991.

Please contact them directly for more information.

DAY SCHOOLS — Elementary

• **Associated Hebrew Schools:** West Promenade & 3630 Bathurst St., 789-7471; 252 Finch Ave. W., 223-4845; 6100 Leslie St., 494-7666. Educational Director: Rabbi Abraham Soffer. General philosophy: to transmit heritage of traditional Judaism simultaneously with a fine general studies program to instill love for land of Israel as well as communal responsibility. Extra subjects: gym, music, Yiddish, computers, home economics, guidance. Special Education services: ESL, JVS. New program this year: De-streaming program on experimental basis. Comments: New computer consultant; Russian social worker and special programs for our 45 Russian students, implementing new Hebrew computer program based on Jewish calendar.

• **Bialik Hebrew Day School,** 12 Viewmount Ave., Toronto, 783-3346 (fax 785-8287). Principal: Dr. Uri Korin. Contact person for more information: Dale Joffe (H) 787-7626, (B) 789-8009. School affiliation: Labour Zionist Movement. General philosophy: believes it is essential to maintain our Jewish heritage. Use the Hebrew and Yiddish languages as a means of teaching our culture, traditions, morals and ethics. Extra subjects: gym, music, Yiddish, computers, guidance. Special Education services: remediation in general & Jewish studies; psychological & educational assessments. New programs this year: Language arts consultant, Jewish studies scholar-in-residence. New facilities this year: new wing, including 9 new classrooms; senior division multi-purpose room; resource centre/library/media centre; upgrading of present facilities.

• **Cheder Chabad in Memory of Shmuel Zahavy,** 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, 764-8721. Principal: Rabbi Moshe Chanowitz. Contact person for more information: Rabbi Yona Shur, Executive Director. School affiliation: Worldwide Chabad Lubavitch Movement. Extra subjects: music, Yiddish, drama, arts & crafts, holiday visits to old age homes. Comments: to grade 6, adding a grade every year. In addition to strong academic program, great emphasis is placed on Ahavas Yisrael — to love and care for all their brethren.

• **Eitz Chaim Schools:** 1 Viewmount Ave., 789-4366. Rabbi L. Adler (Principal); 475 Patricia Ave., 225-1187. Rabbi S.K. Weinberg (Principal); 80 York Hill Blvd., 764-6633. Mrs. E. Weinstock (Vice-Principal); Mrs. L. Bobrowsky & Mrs. Eva Kaplan (Supervisors for Pre-school). General philosophy: to instill the foundation skills, lifestyle and aspirations necessary to become an "Oved Hashem" and to understand and relate to the world in accordance with Torah precepts, values and ideals. Extra subjects: gym, music, Yiddish, computers, home economics, guidance. Extra-curricular programs sponsored by the Mothers' Association. Special Education services: JVS and JF&CS, plus in-house remedial & special ed. services. New facilities this year: 18,000 sq. ft. addition to Patricia Ave. campus containing Beth Hamedrash, lunchroom and 8 classrooms.

• **The Leo Baeck Day School:** Kenton Campus, 34 Kenton Dr., Willowdale, 222-9220. Rabbi Steven H. Garten (Principal); Holy Blossom Temple Campus, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, 781-3658. Bob Tornberg (Principal). Contact person: Linda Friedman, Administrator. General philosophy: Reform Jewish day school in which families, professionals & board members strive together to create a child-centred learning environment in which each student experiences a multi-faceted educational program. Students are prepared to be practising liberal Jews & to participate effectively in a complex, ever changing Canadian society. Extra subjects: gym, music, computers, guidance, extensive French curriculum. Special Education services: provide remediation services and a child-centred approach to curriculum implementation which allows for meeting individual needs. New facilities this year: Campus opened at Holy Blossom Temple with SK & Gr. 1 classes planned 1992-93. Comments: June 1992, 18th Anniversary.

• **Or Haemet Sephardi Day School,** 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview, 635-9881. Dean: Rabbi Eliezer Rukach. General philosophy: to provide a religious education in accordance with the Sephardi practice and compatible in structure with the rabbinical concept of Orthodoxy. Extra subjects: music, computers, home economics. Special Education services: remedial services.

DAY SCHOOLS — Secondary

• **Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (C.H.A.T.),** 200 Wilmington Ave., Downsview, 636-5984. Headmaster: Rabbi Marvin B. Pachino. General philosophy: created to provide Jewish high school students with a superior Jewish and general education. Extra subjects: gym, computers, guidance, Special Talmud, dramatic arts. Special Education services: strive to meet the needs of students requiring ESL, as well as those who require academic support beyond the classroom based on individual learning styles. New program this year: peer counselling, Russian students. Comments: has special Jewish studies curriculum for students coming from public schools. Sponsors extra-curricular athletic program plus wide range of student activities co-ordinated through Student Council.

• **Ulpansat Orot Girls' School,** 45 Canyon Ave., Downsview, 638-5434. Rosh Hayeshiva: Rabbi Avishai C. David. Menahel: Rabbi Moshe Rachimi. General studies: Dr. Norman Smith. General philosophy: Orthodox girls' high school operated by Bnei Akiva Yeshivat Or Chaim High Schools, provides high quality Judaic and general studies program in a vibrant religious environment. Centrality of Israel is emphasized. Offers: gym, computers, guidance, art. Special Education services: tutorials available. Comments: Jewish

studies taught in Hebrew; 4 yr. general studies program at advanced level fully accredited by Ontario Ministry of Education; annual Shabbaton; Rosh Chodesh programs; Chessed program; Eruei Melava Malkas held throughout the year; active Student Council. Enquiries from out-of-town welcome.

• **Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim,** 159 Almore Ave., Downsview, 630-6772. Rosh Hayeshiva: Rabbi A. C. David. General studies principal: Dr. Norman Smith. General philosophy: provides high quality Judaic & general studies program in a vibrant religious Zionist environment. Centrality of Israel is emphasized. Modeled on Yeshivot Bnei Akiva High School system. Offers: gym, computers, guidance. Special Education services: tutorials in Gemara and Ivrit. New facilities for fall 1992: modern new Beit Midrash, dormitory & expanded gym facilities. Comments: Jewish studies are taught in Hebrew; 4 yr. general studies program at advanced level fully accredited by Ontario Ministry of Education; active Student Council; Shabbatonim & Eruei Melava Malkas held throughout the year; annual Shabbaton, basketball team.

• **United Synagogue Day School,** 781-5658: Bathurst Campus, 1700 Bathurst St.; Bayview Campus, Beth Tikvah Synagogue; Richmond Hill Campus, Shaareh Haim Synagogue. Director of Education: Dr. Aaron Nussbaum. School affiliation: Solomon Schechter Association, Conservative Movement. General philosophy: Students learn to take their place within the religious & cultural mosaic of Canadian society, while maintaining their integrity as Jewish individuals. Extra subjects: gym, music, computers, guidance. New facilities this year: French room & computer lab at Richmond Hill campus.

ADULT & POST-SECONDARY

• **Aish HaTorah,** 296A Wilson Ave., Downsview, 636-7530. Principal: Rabbi Ahron Hoch, Acting Educational Director. Major subjects: introductory — Jewish ethics, family, inter-relationships, life cycle, beginners Hebrew; intermediate — introduction to classical Jewish texts and thought, holidays, philosophy, ethics; advanced — in-depth text oriented Chumash, prophets, Jewish law, Talmud, philosophy, etc. Comments: Help ensure survival of the Jewish people by stemming the tide of assimilation through the reawakening of Jewish values and feelings, and by restoring pride in our Jewish heritage.

• **Holocaust Education & Memorial Centre,** 4600 Bathurst St., Lipa Green Bldg., 635-2883, ext. 144. Director: Pnina Spiegand. Comments: Since 1985, the Centre has served as a focus of community education by providing programs such as teacher training workshops, conferences, interfaith dialogues and annual community-wide observances such as that on Yom Hashoah. Over 10,000 high school students visit the Centre annually as part of their Holocaust curriculum.

• **Institute for Jewish Learning,** 4588 Bathurst St., 631-5660. Director: Mark Charendoff. Affiliation: Jewish Community Centre of Toronto. Comments: opportunity for Jews of all denominations to learn about history, philosophy, faith and future of Jewish people.

• **Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning,** 669-3154. Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. Major subjects: Jewish texts. Comments: Kolel is a new centre offering in-depth Jewish study from a liberal perspective. Men and women study traditional texts together in a progressive, egalitarian atmosphere. Kolel is an affiliate of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism and welcomes any student regardless of synagogue affiliation or extent of personal observance.

• **Ohr Somayach/JEP — Jewish Education Program,** 2939 Bathurst St., 785-5899. Executive Director: Rabbi Shlomo Noach Mandel. Major subjects: Jewish philosophy, Hebrew, how to learn Torah and Talmud. Comments: evening courses for adults; special programs for university-age students, including summer in Israel tour/study program.

• **U. of T., Dept. of Germanic Languages & Literature,** 97 St. George St., 978-3186. Dept. Head: Prof. Charles Genno. Major subjects: introductory & intermediate Yiddish, and introduction to Yiddish literature. Degrees: Yiddish minor. Comments: emphasis is on reading, writing and speaking Yiddish. Interesting introduction (in English) to development of Yiddish literature and its flowering in the period from 1880-1950.

• **U. of T., Dept. of Near Eastern Studies,** 4 Bancroft Ave., Rm. 309, Toronto, 978-5190. Chairman: Prof. Ronald F. G. Sweet. Major subjects: Hebrew language & literature (biblical, early post-biblical, mediaeval, modern); Aramaic (biblical, Babylonian, Palestinian); Introduction to Judaism; Tanach in English; Talmud Bavli; Jewish biblical commentaries; Midrash; Jewish literature in Hellenistic Greek, Jewish classics in English translation; history of ancient Israel; women's issues in classical Jewish literature. Comments: offers 60% of the courses comprised in the undergraduate Jewish studies program in the faculty of Arts and Science. Also offers 17.5 graduate courses in the field of Jewish studies.

• **CJC, Ontario Region, Committee for Yiddish,** 635-2883, ext. 155. Director, Committee for Yiddish: Sylvia Lustgarten. Major subjects: wide range of formal and informal Yiddish classes and programs on Yiddish language and culture.

• **York U. Jewish Studies Option,** 4700 Keele St., 736-5344. Principal: Prof. M. Brown. Major subjects: courses offered in faculty of education and depts. of language, literature & linguistics, religious studies and history.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOLS

• **Adath Israel Synagogue Congregational School,** 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview, 635-5340, 635-5354. Principal: Cantor A. Eliezer Kirschbaum. Affiliation:

Conservative. Students: 280, ages 5-13. Grades: Sr. K-Gr. 7, 3x per week, 1x per week, Sr. K. & Gr. 1. Special programs/features: Chanukah children's concert, Purim carnival, music program, tutorial staff, special trips, Friday evening Oneg Shabbat.

• **Beth Sefer Solel,** 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga, 820-5915. Principal: Arlene Botnick. Affiliation: Reform. Students: 230, ages 3-15. Grades: Pre-school-Gr. 10, twice weekly. Special programs/features: staffed by parents (all teachers are members of our congregation), students after Gr. 10 may take in-house teacher training and join teaching staff. Comments: Very involved community. About 30 teenagers assist and/or teach in school. About 1/4 of our Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutors are our students (the other 3/4 our parents). Role modeling is most important.

• **Beth Tzedec Congregational School,** 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto, 787-0381. Principal: Jacob Israeli. Affiliation: Conservative. Students: 280, ages 5-16. Grades: Sr. K.-High School, 3x per week. Special programs/features: opportunity class for children with difficulties in learning.

• **B'nai Shalom Hebrew School,** 731-2797. Classes — York Hill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave., Thornhill; office re: registrations — 275 Arnold Ave., Thornhill. Principal: Rabbi Solomon Z. Domb. Coordinator: Mrs. Sadie Domb. Affiliation: B'nai Shalom North Congregation (Conservative). Students: 250, ages 4-13. Grades: Jr. K-Bar Mitzvah, Sundays, 9:30-12 noon, Mon. & Wed., 5:30-7 p.m. Special programs/features: Chanukah celebration, Passover model seder, tutoring.

• **Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Hebrew School,** 886-0420: location — Thornlea Secondary School, mailing address — 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill L3T 6L2. Principal: Rabbi Meir Gitlin. Students: 145, ages 5-13. Grades: Sr. K.-Gr. 8, Sr. K.-Gr. 1/Sun. only, Gr. 2-8/Sun.-Mon.-Wed. Special programs/features: tutor for those children who need a little extra help at no extra charge, music by professional music teacher.

• **Downtown Jewish Community School,** c/o Jewish Community Centre, Bloor "Y" Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto, 924-6211. Principal: Joan Schoenfeld. Affiliation: Independent school. Students: 275, ages 4-16. Grades: Jr. K-Gr. 11, Jr. K-Gr. 1/Sun. only, Gr. 2-7/Sun.-Wed., High school/Wed. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Special programs/features: community holiday celebration programs and Oneg Shabbat dinners, adult education programs, Family Israel Fair. Comments: to provide students with a basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students are taught the concepts and skills necessary to live a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting.

• **Har Tikvah Synagogue,** 9893 Torbram Rd., Brampton, 846-5376. Principal: Rabbi Larry Lander. Affiliation: Reform. Students: 75, ages 4-15. Special programs/features: small classes; Hebrew from Gr. 1.; different subject material covered each year, post Bar Mitzvah program.

• **Morris Winchevsky School,** 585 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto, 789-5502. Principal: Maxine Hermolin. Affiliation: Secular. Students: 15, ages 5-13. Classes: Sun. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Special programs/features: alternative secular Jewish program including Jewish history, literature, culture, Yiddish language, Family Sunday celebrations of Jewish holidays, secular B'nai Mitzvah/Graduation. Comments: Jewish history emphasizes the struggles for freedom and equality in the past and relates those events to present day struggles of all people for civil and social rights. Jewish heritage presented in a secular humanistic framework.

• **Secular Jewish Association Sunday School,** St. Andrew's Jr. High School, 131 Fenn Ave., 491-7361. Principal: Julie Junger. Affiliation: International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews. Students: 115, ages 4-17. Grades: Jr. K-Youth program, weekly — youth (13-17) 2x month. Special programs/features: special program for teenagers; family oneg & holiday celebrations; bar/bat mitzvah program; annual North American Youth Conference. Comments: Jewish holidays, history, literature and culture are taught from a perspective which views Jewish civilization as the creator of the Jewish people. Our goal is to enable each child to integrate humanistic Jewish values into an ethical and fulfilled life.

• **Shaareh Haim Hebrew School,** 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, 884-8400. Principal: Mr. Herb Spindel. Students: 315, ages 5-13. Grades: Sr. K-Gr. 7, Sr. K/1x week, Gr. 1/2x week, Gr. 2-7/3x week. Special programs/features: participating groups in Bible contest, Zimriyah, Rikudiyah, enrichment class for former day school students; remedial assistance for academically weaker students. Comments: since Sept. '86 enrolment has nearly tripled. "We attempt to imbue our students with a love for Judaism, the Torah and the land of Israel." Professionally trained teaching staff.

• **Shaarei Beth El Congregation,** 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, 849-6000. Principal: Baruch Dov Browns. Affiliation: Reform & Conservative. Students: 75, ages 3-15. Grades: pre-K-Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 2x/wk. (Sun./Wed.). Comments: "We are a liberal, yet traditional congregation affiliated with the VAHC (Reform) and the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) with a full-time Rabbi and part-time educator. Our families come from Oakville, Burlington, Mississauga and vicinity."

• **Temple Har Zion,** 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill, 889-2250. School location: 50 Francine Dr., Willowdale. Director of Education: Karen L. Goodis, RJE. Affiliation: Reform. Students: 420, ages 3-16. Grades: N-Gr. 10, N-Jr. K/5 days, K-Gr. 6/Sat., Gr. 4-7 Hebrew/Tues.-Thurs., Gr. 7-10/Mon. p.m. Special programs/features: Nursery-Jr. K. — 5 1/2 days/wk. a.m. & p.m. classes; religious & Hebrew for members only. Comments: Children with special needs are mainstreamed, whenever possible. Students continue their religious education through confirmation in Grade 10.

• **Shmuel Zahavy Israeli School,** Fisherville Jr. High School, 889-0652. Principal: Naomi Kfir. Students: 62. Grades: Gr. 1-8, 2x week, 2 hrs. each. Special programs/features: designed for children of Israelis living in Canada. Comments: school is sponsored by Israeli Consulate General, Israel Education & Culture Fund and North York Board of Education's Heritage Language Program; provides a Hebrew-speaking environment in which children can learn Israeli culture, including history, literature and music.

• **Temple Kol Ami,** 1520 Steeles Ave. W., 660-5199. Principal: Elaine Winick. Affiliation: Reform. Students: 60, ages 4-13/14. Grades: Pre-School-Confirmation; Shabbat family time/9:30-12 noon, Gr. 3 +/Hebrew School, Mon.-Wed. 4:45-6:15 p.m. Special programs/features: family time program for the whole family on Shabbat morning.

• **United Congregational Schools,** 636-3096: Westminster Public School, Thornhill; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Principal: Rabbi Moshe Ben Baruch. Students: 545, ages 5-13. Grades: K. to H.S., 1x/2x/3x wk. Special programs/features: high school program (re: Gr. 8-9-10).

SPECIAL EDUCATION

• **She'arim Hebrew Day School,** 100 Elder St., Downsview, 633-8247. Principal: Dori Levine. Contact person for more information: Dori Levine or Marilyn Maierovitz. Affiliation: Community School. Philosophy: She'arim provides special education setting for children with learning difficulties, focusing on the needs of the whole child, in academic, social, organizational & related areas, for both Judaic and general studies. Extra subjects: gym, guidance, arts integrated program, movement therapy. Special Education services: Feuerstein instrumental enrichment; art therapy, parent support group. New program this year: arts integrated program; movement therapy. Comments: She'arim caters to the needs of all segments of the community. Students come from a variety of existing day schools, as well as private or public learning institutions, to benefit from a traditional religious orientation. She'arim offers a small class setting of fewer than 10 students, and individualized attention. The school has experienced a steady growth throughout its existence. Its aim is to integrate students where possible or to provide an ongoing education.

• **Zareinu Educational Centre,** 4700 Bathurst St., Willowdale, 631-7646 (fax) 631-6289. Principal: Lawrence J. Cherniak. Educational needs assessed: developmentally delayed Jewish children. Students: 20, ages Infant-12. Student/staff ratio: 2/1. Staff trained in special education: 100%. Services: Zareinu provides an enriched sensory-motor-based program, which encompasses all developmental areas. Programming is structured around small group activities which provide opportunities to promote social interactions. Zareinu provides a secure environment in order to promote self-esteem. Jewish culture and values are an integral part of the daily program. All Jewish children who are appropriate to the school are accepted. In context life skills, facilitated communication, and instrumental enrichment are an integral part of the program. All teaching and program staff are trained and experienced in these areas. The school has on its staff: speech, physio, behavioural, music and occupational therapists.

PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL

• **Cheder Chabad Pre-School in Memory of Shmuel Zahavy,** 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, 764-8721. 771-8060. Executive Director: Rabbi Yona Shur. Principal: Rabbi Moshe Chanowitz. Affiliation: Worldwide Chabad Lubavitch Movement. Students: 28, ages 3-5. Student/staff ratio: 8/1. Hours: Nursery, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Kindergarten, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Programs: arts & crafts, music, gym, recognition of Hebrew alphabet, Jewish heritage program, holiday studies, Hebrew reading, math readiness skills, snacks provided daily, weekly Parsha stories.

• **Holy Blossom Temple Pre-School,** 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, 789-3297. Director/Principal: Lorraine Sandler. Students: 164, ages 3-5. Student/staff ratio: 8/1. Hours: 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3:30 p.m. Comments: programs geared to helping children develop socially, physically, intellectually, spiritually. Our traditional & liberal reform philosophy helps children "see the world through Jewish eyes."

• **Jewish Community Centre School & Day Care,** 4588 Bathurst St., 636-1880. Director/Principal: Sarah Atkinson. Students: 150, ages 2 mths.-5 yrs. Student/staff ratio: pre-school 8/1, toddlers 5/1, infants 3/1. Hours: 7:30 am.-6 p.m.

• **Lubavitch Learning Centre,** 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, 881-2437. Director/Principal: Mrs. Rivka Yarmush. Students: 48, ages 2 1/2-4 1/2. Student/staff ratio: 10/1. Hours: 9-12 noon. Programs: Nursery and Jr. K. classes. Comments: complete pre-school program with experienced and licensed teachers includes hands-on approach to Jewish heritage and traditions.

• **Shaareh Haim Pre-School,** 9741 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, 737-3336. Director/Principal: Necha Jakubowicz. Affiliation: United Synagogue of America. Students: 78, ages 2 1/2-4. Student/staff ratio: 8/1. Hours: 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3:30 p.m. Programs: licensed by Ministry of Community and Social Services. The program is individualized to allow each child to develop to his/her fullest potential while building self-esteem and confidence. Our rich Jewish heritage is taught using fun, age appropriate activities, songs, stories and creative play. In addition, we offer a Moms & Tots program for 12-24 month(s) olds. The program allows for the caregiver(s) to remain with the child to be guided by a teacher experienced in that very special age group.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

School enrolment increases slightly

By
RON CSILLAG

The continuing economic pinch has translated into a troublesome quandary for the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, evidenced by this year's enrolment figures.

While overall attendance in Toronto's Jewish education system is up slightly over last year, there was only a marginal rise in the number of students attending the city's 20 day schools — 12 elementary and eight high schools.

Last year, 9,549 students were enrolled in day schools. The figure this year is 9,605, representing a net increase of just 56 students.

"That's cause for some concern," says BJE director Rabbi Irwin Witty. "There was almost always an increase of several hundred students [in previous years]. Three schools lost enough students to significantly affect the figures."

Rabbi Witty attributes the anemic increase in day and high school attendance to simple economics: rising tuition fees and a seemingly endless battle for government funding, which is now before the courts, are wearing parents down.

Couple that with steady graduation and drop-out rates, and parents' shifting ideological loyalties, and the board is seeing the results.

Those results are perhaps best reflected in enrolment in the city's 35 supplementary schools, those with classes after regular school hours and on weekends.

Last year, 5,958 students took supplementary classes. The number this year is 6,221, or a healthy increase of 263 students.

Rabbi Witty concedes that parents today are perhaps more inclined to send their children to supplementary classes than to day schools, most likely for financial reasons.

And among the supplementary schools, 15 showed steady or slightly decreased enrolment. The other 20 reported more students than a year ago.

But overall, Rabbi Witty reports that the Jewish education system in Toronto is "hale and hearty," with a record enrolment of 15,826, an increase of 2.1 percent over a year ago.

It's estimated that roughly half of all Jewish children in the city are getting some form of Jewish education.

Just over a dozen years ago, total enrolment was about 10,000, meaning an average 450 students pour into the system every year.

One of the "gravest" concerns before the BJE is a relatively new phenomenon, Rabbi Witty points out: the number of children who entered Grade 1 this year from kindergarten last year is down for the first time since 1978.

A year ago, there were 907 kindergarten students in the Jewish system. Of those, 833 entered Grade 1 last September.

"That means the parents of 74 children have chosen not to continue. That troubles us," Rabbi Witty says.

A number of factors may explain the drop, he notes: apart from the economy, couples are marrying later, are choosing to start families later and immigrant families tend to have only one or two children.

The problem doesn't end there. Kindergarten enrolment is down this year over last by 41 students. That could translate into an even more dramatic drop in Grade 1 enrolment next year, Rabbi Witty adds.

Fewer students in the elementary grades is already being seen. There are 78 less students in grades kindergarten through 7 this year over last.

The sunnier side of that coin is that there are 101 more students in high school grades this year than last.

While that means students are continuing their Jewish education in the upper grades, it reflects a decrease in the number of students entering the system.

What has also changed from 1991 is that the board is now seriously attempting to alleviate the space squeeze that has had the system bursting at the seams for years.

Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Leo Baeck Day School and Netivot Hatorah have all established sites for future campuses on Atkinson Avenue in Vaughan, within a block of one another.

Rabbi Witty notes one interesting tidbit of data shows that "virtually without exception," schools on the right of the religious spectrum report an enrolment increase over last year.

Correspondingly, schools under the Reform movement, such as Leo Baeck and Bialik, show a decline in their number of students.

And despite the recession, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), which has one of the highest tuition fees in the city, grew this year over last by 80 students.

So in spite of the overall economic gloom, there is still wide and strong commitment to Jewish education in the city, Rabbi Witty points out.

Unfortunately, the drop-out rate hasn't changed much from a year ago, when it was estimated that by Grade 9, half of all school kids who started a Jewish education in Grade 1 drop out, and that by Grade 13, about 10 percent of those who started in Grade 1 remain to graduate.

Sadly, notes Rabbi Witty, there are no dollars for a much-awaited study that was to have recommended ways to attract and retain teachers in the Jewish system.

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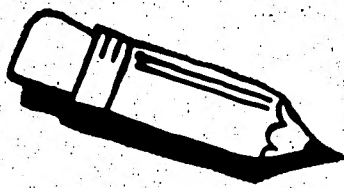
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Slovak Jewish students thirst for Judaic knowledge

By
JOSHUA KAMEN
BRATISLAVA —

Only 20 months after the Velvet Revolution, the dust and cobwebs are slowly being cleared from the inner fabric of Slovak society. Within the Jewish community, changes are occurring at a much more accelerated rate. And it is the immense spirit and character of the youth that is providing the catalyst for this change.

In the past months, I have been teaching conversational English to many different age groups in Bratislava. In addition, I have participated in various youth activities and in teaching the Jewish youth about Israel and Judaism.

The group (consisting of a solid core of 25), ranging from 16-25 years old meets weekly for Aryeh Dojc's Hebrew language class, followed by 60 to 90 minutes of Judaic education with an emphasis on Israel. The youths have a thirst for Judaic knowledge especially concerning Israel, largely because throughout the Communist era it was dangerous to teach Zionist ideology. Young people presently do not attend religious services led by the community elders, because the services are very long and difficult to follow.

But socially and culturally the community is vibrant. Every second Friday, the entire Jewish community (estimated at about 200) convenes for an open forum, where political and economic issues and ideas are discussed. In addition, Judaic themes such as Israel and Jews in other lands are addressed.

Community leaders Dr. Pavel Traubner and Farrell Alexander, who chair the forum, invite interesting speakers (including recently Simon Wiesenthal and Dan Shifan) to the meeting. Following these forums and occasionally on Sunday afternoons, the youths meet for Israeli Folk Dancing.

Thanks to Slavka Franekova and Thomas Redlinger (who attended a folk dancing workshop in England two years ago) the Jewish youth have something concretely Jewish that they can share with one another and revel in at the same time. Almost every individual knows at least one Israeli folk dance and the craze continues to be extremely popular and contagious with the group.

Sunday afternoon programs, following classes, have featured tobogganing ("boby" in Slovak language) and hiking in Koliba, a local nature retreat that is very popular among the Bratislavans. More recently, the group met at one youngster's family's cottage situated in the ar-

cheological treasure of Devin (just 12 kilometres west of Bratislava). There, they participated in spontaneous group games, chess and a cookout.

Some of the youths want to leave Bratislava permanently or at least to study temporarily. Lucia Fishcherova and Michaela Redliková will almost certainly go to Israel in the fall of this year to study at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

But getting there will not come easily. Since the Czecho-Slovak koruna (crown) is still considerably weak and unconvertible, without a full scholarship it's an enormous financial burden for the parents to send their children abroad.

In addition, most parents are reluctant to send their children to Israel to study because it means that the children may never return to Bratislava. But not returning to Bratislava would come as no surprise to anyone who has been there.

Although the city is rich in history and culture, and although the community is generally very close knit, it is by no means a pretty town (outside the old section), nor is it a healthy environment for children. Bratislava and Slovakia in general have an ugly history of anti-Semitism.

Swastikas in many public areas

Though Slovaks I speak to deny it, the Fascist government that existed here during World War II was very diligent in the deportation of Jews. And in 1972, during the hardline Communist period, synagogues and a Jewish cemetery situated in the Jewish section were unnecessarily levelled to accommodate the construction of a motorway. This included the destruction of the Great Synagogue of Bratislava.

Today with freedoms restored and the surge of Slovak Nationalism resurfacing, swastikas, with the United States and Israel inside the symbol can be found in many public areas around town. Even President Vaclav Havel, the hero of the Velvet Revolution, is now being branded as a "Jew lover" by citizens angry with his support for Israel.

This is not to say that the majority

of Slovaks support Fascism or anti-Semitism, but current debilitating economic trends may inflame racist sentiment significantly.

However, Jewish youths remain determined and show no signs of despair. A further example of their solidarity is their celebration of Jewish holidays. After Chanukah and Purim in Vienna and Prague respectively, they participated in the baking of matzos in Vienna.

Passover was later climaxed with a seder held for 70 young people in the old community kitchen on Zamocka Street. For many, it was the first seder of a lifetime. For Dojc and myself, it was a thrill to lead the seder for the respectful and appreciative group.

More recently, in June, the town of Bratislava witnessed the opening of the first ever exhibition of Slovak Jewish culture at a central art gallery.

In July, 18 Bratislavan Jewish youths attended a unique Jewish summer camp in Szarvas, Hungary. Although the spoken language was Hungarian and although 80 percent of the campers hailed from Hungary, the Slovaks thoroughly enjoyed the Hebrew component (that is, Israeli folk dancing, Hebrew language and song) and the camaraderie of being with other Jews from Central or Eastern Europe.

And in August, many Slovaks, together with Czechs, flew to Israel for an intense month of kibbutz experience and travel.

It is both refreshing and inspiring to be in the company of these people who take nothing for granted. With the freedom to travel and to share ideas many youths are coming into contact with people and places they could only fantasize about not too long ago.

As the economy worsens and anti-Semitism re-emerges, one would naturally assume that they would opt for a better and brighter life elsewhere. However, their resilient nature, coupled with their parents' desires to have them remain, will hopefully result in the strengthening and expanding of the vital Jewish community of Bratislava.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Rosenberg visits outlying areas to offer support for schools

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

It is no easy task to keep track of all the goings on at the 38 Ontario Hebrew schools serving 22 communities outside of Toronto, but Rachel Rosenberg is managing quite well.

As consultant to Jewish schools for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, it is her job to pay annual visits to every Jewish school in the region to provide such services as curriculum development, teaching sample classes, leading teacher workshops and offering general support.

Rosenberg, a native Israeli who has taught at elementary schools and high schools in Israel as well as at Tel Aviv University, came to Canada a little over a year ago. She was the first shaliach to serve as school consultant for the region.

Rosenberg stresses that when visiting the day and afternoon schools as far north as Thunder Bay, "I do not arrive as a visitor. I provide a real support system. I meet with the parent boards to discuss various matters, provide a placement service for teachers and principals, share and implement new methods and techniques and promote parent involvement. In short, I do everything I can to nurture Jewish education across the province."

As well, the education department of CJC Ontario Region works together with the department of community services to sponsor an outreach program for Jewish teenagers living in rural communities in the region. "We invite them to come to Toronto and based on their knowledge of Judaism we develop a learning program for them."

Rosenberg says that many of these regional schools, serving about 2,000 students across Ontario, act as a fo-



Rachel Rosenberg

cal point, both educationally and socially, for Jewish children in the area. "Many of these Jewish communities are quite isolated and schools are often the only consistently ongoing Jewish activity. They act, not only as a place for knowledge, but also as a little insurance against assimilation."

She says that a typical Jewish school in an outlying area meets only a few hours a week and therefore cannot offer full-time employment to its teacher. "These communities need one person to be rabbi, teacher and cantor and there are few people who meet these qualifications. Many of those who do are reluctant to go to small communities. One of the solutions is to have travelling rabbis."

Rosenberg says that because some parents have to drive their children many miles to attend Hebrew school, "they just stay and participate in the class. The teachers gear their lessons according to the attendance of parents in their classroom."

She says that the smallness of the communities necessitates the involve-

ment of a large proportion of the population in order for the school to survive. "The size of the community is a definite factor in determining ongoing Jewish education. The success or failure of the school often depends on the willingness and capability of one or two parents who may have to teach the classes even though they are not trained teachers."

She says that many Jewish families in rural areas fear losing their Jewishness and thus move to areas with denser populations. "They want their kids to socialize with other Jewish kids because they are quite concerned about intermarriage."

Edmond Y. Lipsitz, executive director and director of education, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, says that he is "deeply concerned about what is going on in small communities. In many of these communities there is a constant struggle between Judaic values and Canadian integration."

"In order to stop intermarriage and assimilation we must see that education is a lifelong process. Families must study together and in order to achieve this we are in the process of forming a family education program."

He adds that another project to help rural community schools to stay vibrant, twins Toronto Hebrew schools with those in outlying areas in order to work on joint projects.

On a positive note, Rosenberg says that some small communities are increasing and flourishing. "Niagara Falls, for instance, has a very involved and committed Jewish community of 50 families. Many young couples have returned to the region and have become a significant and vibrant part of the community."

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CJN enters students' lives

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longer than public school. After comparing notes with friends who have left Bialik for public school, he concludes that he has a lot more work.

He enjoys skiing, as well as singing with the Toronto Children's Chorus, which he auditioned for successfully in 1989. The chorus performs about once every six weeks, and rehearsal time ranges from two to four days a week. Jacob likes singing, and he is looking forward to travelling to England and France with the choir this summer.

He would like to go to Israel one day. "I think it's extremely safe, except for one or two certain areas," he says. "I think it's a good country

to live in and to visit. I don't know if I'd like to live there. It would be a lot of effort to go and come back [to visit my family]."

If Jacob were prime minister of Israel, he would try and make his party the majority, he says. He would give the Palestinians some self-government. He would try to be good to both sides, he says, but after so many wars, would keep the hard-won land. He denied much knowledge of Israeli politics.

He is full of ideas about Canada. "I'd lower the taxes [if I were prime minister]," Jacob says. "I'd create more jobs. I think it's important to have trade with different countries. We have a lot of good resources, if we can export them."

"The national economy doesn't

look good. A lot of people are angry with the Canadian government. I like the NDP. I don't think Mulroney's doing the best job he can. (Different parties) should work together for a compromise."

Jacob, like Alison, has more immediate concerns than what he is going to do after high school. Bialik only goes up to Grade 8, and Jacob isn't sure he wants to continue in the day school system. "[At a school like Bialik] where everyone is Jewish, you don't really get a taste of the real world. You should meet people, but still keep up your Jewish education, because it's important."

Being Jewish, to Jacob, means "to have something to be proud of. I'm connected to Israel, and I have a special language and tradition."

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Greater Vancouver Federation to study Jewish education

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A task force on Jewish education is making a study of the current and future delivery of multi-level Jewish educational services in the Greater Vancouver area.

The study is a project of the education and cultural committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. A report is expected by the end of January.

Ira Nadel, chairman of the committee, says it will be a wide-ranging report, based on the findings of various sub-committees representing a cross-section of the community. They are looking into formal education as it relates to the day and supplementary schools; adult education; informal education such as youth programs; special needs children and facilities; and professional development.

Nadel said research has also been done on the matter of long range planning, including various Central Bureau models.

The report will not be an analysis of the individual schools, Nadel told The CJN, but rather what's being offered and if it can be improved.

"We expect to be able to point out the areas not being served properly and will try and develop a policy," the chairman said. "Generally, the report will be designed to identify what else our community needs in the way of educational programming."

He said about 40 organizations, including synagogues, are co-operating with the inquiry.

The report, he pointed out, will only make suggestions but will not try to estimate the cost.

At present, Federation provides financing only for the day schools and it's expected the report will help determine whether financing will be extended to other educational endeavors.

Federation president Ted Zacks told the recent annual meeting that "we'll have to decide how much of our community dollar we can afford to spend on Jewish education. How many schools do we need and where should they be located?"

Federation will have to decide also if the funded schools should serve the entire community "or is there room and a need for different kinds of schools along the full spectrum of religious affiliation?"

A problem will be to figure out an equitable way to fund all the children who attend the Jewish schools and require communal assistance, regardless of which school they attend, said Zacks.

In Victoria, Congregation Emanu-El is now offering a Hebrew literacy program on Mondays commencing Jan. 13. The program will cover beginners and intermediate reading and writing classes plus an advanced course offering instruction in Hebrew conversation. Classes will be held in the morning and evening.

The Victoria synagogue is also holding two series of classes "aimed at expanding the understanding of Judaism." Exploring Judaism is geared for those who wish to "renew and refresh" their faith and for those who are studying for conversion. A weekly "lunch and learn" program covers the weekly Torah portion.

Richmond gets own Jewish school

RICHMOND, B.C. —

Richmond, a suburb of Vancouver with some 900 Jewish families, is going to have a Jewish day school of its own, commencing in the fall. There are three day schools in Vancouver itself.

For the first year, the school expects to register about 60 children in the 6- to 9-year age category, plus kindergarten. Classes will be expanded by a grade a year as the kids get older and new ones come into the school.

Joan Cohen, a spokesperson for the Richmond Jewish Day School, and a member of the board, said a coordinator has been appointed. She is Beverley Imerman and can be reached at (604) 275-3393. Teachers are now being interviewed for both full-time and part-time positions and it's expected the school will require three or four teachers for the secular courses and another three or four for the Hebrew studies.

While a specific location has not yet been selected, Cohen said "we're looking at two places. We'll rent for the first couple of years before putting up our own building."

Cohen said the community has been talking about a day school for the past 10 years. Richmond children who attend day schools now have to go into Vancouver, and the Talmud Torah, the largest of the three there, "is bursting at the seams. They'll welcome the opening of our school to relieve the congestion."

Cohen said it's expected the school will attract children from other suburbs in the Lower Mainland. Children with no previous knowledge of Jewish and Hebrew studies will be accommodated at the grades 2 and 3 level.

Plans are being made to tie in recreational activities with the Richmond Aquatic Centre programs.

Cohen said the school will not be affiliated with any of the synagogues.

About \$250,000 is required to get the school going and Cohen said she doesn't anticipate having any problem raising the money. The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is providing seed money and it's hoped the Federation will help subsidize the school operations. After the first year, the school will be able to apply for funding to the provincial government.

The tuition fee will be set at \$4,500 and down, depending on the ability of the family to pay.

At present, the local Beth Tikvah Synagogue provides supplementary classes and about 100 Richmond children attend the Talmud Torah in Vancouver.

With the opening of the school, said Cohen, "the Richmond Jewish community will have come of age." She noted that a kosher bakery opened here recently, and the Jewish population is expanding day by day.

A community meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3 at the Beth Tikvah to outline plans for the school.

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Computers aid learning process

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Becoming computer literate is as important to a student in this day and age as learning proper penmanship or developing typing skills was in past generations says the executive director of the Jewish Board of Education.

"Students do not necessarily have to become computer programmers or computer whizzes but understanding computers is an absolute essential part of education," asserts Rabbi Irwin Witty.

He says that whereas several years ago some people feared that computers would eventually take the place of teachers, "clearly, this is not the case. More and more people now understand that students working on computers still need the supervision and critical analysis available only by a teacher."

Uri Korin, principal of Bialik Hebrew Day School, agrees that he would like to see the computer become as common a tool as the calculator or pen and pencil. "As an educational tool, the computer can bring into the classroom an experience above and beyond regular classroom activities. For example, a film about earthquakes may leave the students passive, whereas a computer program, which the students work themselves can really show the im-

part of earthquakes."

He says that Bialik is going to build a computer laboratory in the new wing of the school scheduled to open in September, 1992. "We're planning on having a resource centre which will include a library, a media centre and a computer centre. Students will be able to put together their research with the aid of a modem which will conduct them to other systems in libraries or schools."

Yaacov Ginou, Hebrew principal at Associated Hebrew Schools, Finch Campus, stresses that computers are a very important part of his students' education.

"I have seen tremendous improvement in the work of many students since they began using computers. We use it to learn about holidays, kashruth, the Jewish calendar — many, many things. The best part about it is that students are learning without realizing it. They have so much fun working the computer that the time flies and they don't know they're working."

Pincas Tessler, principal of Associated Hebrew Schools, Leslie campus, says that computers allow students to learn without becoming angry or frustrated. Computers are not judgemental. They tell students how to correct their work in a light-hearted manner and students enjoy themselves.

Tessler says that some Hebrew subjects such as grammar can be quite dry when done as an exercise on a page "but on the computer it comes to life. Gematria, which shows the numerical value of letters and combines mathematics and Hebrew, is quite easy to learn on the computer. Even weak students show a definite improvement when they do work on a computer program."

Zita Gardner, principal of United Synagogue Day Schools, Bathurst campus, says that computers have become a very important part of the general studies program at her school. "They are certainly an important part of the writing program. We have seen students write some very lovely prose on the computer. The computer is a tremendous asset in remediation and reinforcement."

Rabbi Witty says that he would like to see more students have widespread access to computers. "Clearly, more time and more attention has to be paid to making computers more accessible. It will take a certain developmental period until computer programs become even more integrated into what teachers are doing in their classrooms, but the time will definitely come."

According to Uri Korin, "having computers in the school is a sign of the times. To me, the computer is an extension of the human brain."



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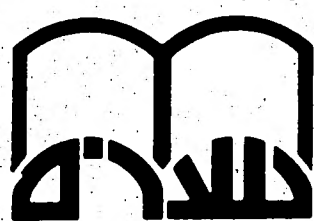
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By
BEN ROSE

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At Aish HaTorah, the emphasis is on revising an interest in their roots on the part of Jewish adults, according to Pinchas Winston, head of continuing education. Classes are held at 296A Wilson Ave. W., at the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. (where Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik is in charge) and soon in premises in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Subsidies are available for those who cannot afford the fees.

An innovative use of Yiddish in adult education is the request of a son to have a Yiddish teacher help bring the family together after a death of an aged parent. The Yiddish Committee of the Jewish Federation of Great

er Toronto complied with the request, according to director Sylvia Lustgarten, and teacher Nathan Garnick is meeting with family members regularly.

Another interesting example of Yiddish adult education is an autonomous group of women who meet to study Yiddish women writers.

For those who want to learn Yiddish or brush up their knowledge the Committee in partnership with the North York Board of Education is offering classes, now underway, at Beth Emeth and Beth David synagogues and Rockford Road Public School. There are also discussion and reading groups at Bernard Betel Centre led by Julius Sokoloff and at the Wagman Centre led by Judge Philip Givens.

A class sponsored by the Bialik Hebrew Day School parents and Beth Shalom Synagogue for adults is held at Bialik and taught by Sokoloff. A Yiddish reading group has been operating for many years at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Conversation and cultural groups are sponsored by Friends of Yiddish, a driving force in the resurgence of the language.

The Kultur Gezelshaft of the Yiddish Committee holds six public lectures each year by Yiddish speakers at the Workmen's Circle.

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Israel: Is There a Tomorrow?, Jewish Identity in the 21st Century.

At the Bloor Y branch of the Institute, titles of courses include Madam, I'm Adam, Now What?, the Pleasure Principal, The Sky is Falling, 39 Steps to Literary Anti-Semitism and Jewish Continuity and Ambivalence in Canada.

In co-operating with New Leadership — Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Institute is presenting four lectures on compelling topics, the first a debate Feb. 10 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Should Jews Seek Converts? between author Dennis Prager for the affirmative and Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet on the negative.

An attempt to capture the internship of the learning atmosphere of a yeshiva is made by the Jewish Education Program in their "night yeshiva" course for those at both the beginner and intermediate level of knowledge of Judaism. The classes are held at its headquarters, 2939 Bathurst St.

The JEP also sponsors an introductory course for beginners at that location.

Another aspect of the JEP's adult education program is its activity on and off university and college campuses with students.

A co-ed class to study Talmud is being held by Kolel, an affiliate of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, at Leo Baeck school. Kolel is sponsoring a national summer study retreat at a location in Ontario to be announced. A five-night walk-in course on Jewish Ethics will be held the week of March 30.

Teachers share work experiences

By
FRANCES KRAFT

Day school teachers from all over the world study at the summer institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora.

Sharing ideas with teachers from places like Australia, Belgium and the U.S. made Debra Litwack's experience this past summer at Melton especially memorable. Litwack, who teaches senior kindergarten and Grade 1 at the United Synagogue Day School, was a second-timer on the program, and one of ten Toronto teachers who participated. She is working on an MA in teaching Hebrew as a second language at OISE, and her research at Melton tied

in with that.

Participants in the program put in 5 1/2- to six-day weeks, said Litwack. Course work was rounded out by excursions such as a trip to an artist's home and guided tours of parts of Israel.

"It was very well organized," said Gittie Brumer, who teaches special education at She'arim Hebrew Day School.

"There were times when we couldn't speak to each other because of a language barrier," said Ruth Dixter, a Grade 6 general studies teacher at the Jewish Peoples' and Peretz School in Montreal, thinking of the participants she met from Riga and Estonia. "Yet we were all held together by the Hebrew language, our interest in education and in Jewish

studies."

Dixter took an enrichment course for general studies teachers, and "that's exactly what it was. I didn't learn anything to apply directly, and yet every day things I learned creep into [my teaching]."

The Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University is a co-sponsor, along with York University, of a two-year certificate course called Chebra, which was developed by the Melton Centre. With classes limited to 20 people, the course focuses on Jewish literacy, and is geared to young adults interested in participating more thoroughly in Jewish life. It is already running in 18 locations in the United States. Toronto classes will begin next month.

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Children's learning disabilities due to a number of causes

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

A dream of every parent, particularly every Jewish parent, is to have children who function especially well in the academic setting.

When this does not happen, the reaction is often one of disappointment, despair, fear and bewilderment — how do we cope? How do we best help our child cope?

This article will not deal with the retarded, the handicapped, those with severe behavioral deficits. These problems have their own needs and their own pain, and warrant attention on their own.

Rather, I will discuss the more common question: My child is having trouble reading, or writing, or doing math, or has too short an attention span. What do I do?

The first step must be to have a complete physical examination, including vision and hearing. While this may seem simplistic, there has been more than one situation in which the child can't learn because he or she simply can't see, or perhaps has an underdeveloped sense of hearing.

Auditory processing, for instance, the ability to turn the myriad sounds that enter the ear into intelligible words, may not be occurring in one or both ears.

In that case, the teacher's words, especially coupled with the noise inevitable in a classroom setting, are a meaningless blur.

Sometimes a change in the child's seat, or an effort by the teacher to aim at least some of her words directly to the child may help.

Once physical problems are ruled out, a thorough psychological and learning assessment should be carried out. This may be available through the school or the school board, through Jewish Vocational Services, through Hospital for Sick Children Child Development Clinic, or through reputable private agencies.

Don't be seduced by the lure of cheap or quickie testing companies: the effectiveness of a professional, reputable, and thorough assessment far outweighs the sometimes admittedly high cost.

If the difficulty is diagnosed as a learning disability, it is important action be taken.

Pretending (or hoping) that the child will outgrow it, or spending extra time in the evening will make it disappear, is fruitless: unless one knows how to deal with the difficulty, everyone is wasting their time.

And children very seldom "just outgrow" it.

Some parents find it hard to admit that their child is not perfect, that he or she genuinely has a problem.

One mother asserted that her husband was a PhD, and she was a graduate nurse — her child couldn't possibly be dyslexic.

It is important to understand what a learning disability is — and isn't.

First, there is no connection between a learning disability and intelligence. Those with learning problems tend to have intelligences ranging from average to high.

Rather it is a difficulty with the process of learning.

Learning involves the taking in of information (by reading, hearing, watching), the processing of that information, making sense of what is taken in in other words, and then the disseminating of that information, in the form of talking about it, writing, or using it. Problems can occur at any stage of the process, or at several stages.

Public, day and even some supplementary schools have remedial programs to help children.

They may involve removing the child from class for periods of the day, special classes, tutoring, or a classroom aide.

High fees a deterrent

Again, it is important to insist your child gets all the help available. If you are not satisfied, keep demanding. This is not the time to be laissez-faire.

The public school systems have available fairly sophisticated special education programs, such as speech or sensory-motor integration therapy, which are usually free of charge.

These services are not available to students in the day schools. A case is now before the Ontario courts to try to remedy this situation. (See education supplement story, page 41)

In Toronto, one can attend She'arim Hebrew Day School, a school established just over 10 years ago for elementary school children whose parents are committed to a day school education.

Principal Dori Levine says that she is contacted by the parent, a psychologist, guidance counsellor or the school.

She says she feels it is essential to meet both with the parents and the child, to see whether the family is prepared to work with the school to help the child, and whether the child is able to benefit from the program.

The school, for instance, can not work with severe behavioral disorders.

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A whole team works with each child, including the teacher, psychologist, social worker, art therapist and Levine herself, constantly assessing, planning teaching and evaluating.

Many students are able to return to day school or public school settings after a few years. Some remain for their whole primary education.

"We perceive our job as providing learning skills for the child to utilize

in a learning situation," says Levine.

"Our ultimate objective is to bring the child from dependence on us providing the skills to independence in learning how and when those skills should be used in any life situation, and to develop the flexibility to create new skills for new life situations."

Those parents who feel their child needs more help than the regular schools offer, but do not feel She'arim is for them, may opt for one of the private schools for children with learning problems.

Canadian Heritage School, under the direction of Merle Langbord Levine and Dr. Deborah Chesnie Cooper, offers a low student-teacher ratio (one teacher for five children, with a one-to-one ratio for special problems) extensive testing and evaluation and highly trained special education teachers.

Langbord Levine also stresses that there must be co-operation between the parents and the school, and the child and the school, and says that she sometimes counsels parents to wait before putting their child in the school if both are not ready.

She says that she hopes next year to offer classes at a 10 to one ratio, for students who have been there for a year or two and can deal with a larger class.

This, she hopes, will also lower the cost for parents, as the school does not offer subsidies.

Canadian Heritage School also offers seminars on learning disabilities for the general public and for interested parents. The next one is scheduled for Feb. 5 at 6:30.

For more information, contact Levine at 300 Eglinton Ave. E. (at Bayview), 322-6010.

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Like Canadian Heritage School, the high fees are a deterrent for many, although both schools point out that students generally can be helped in only a few years.

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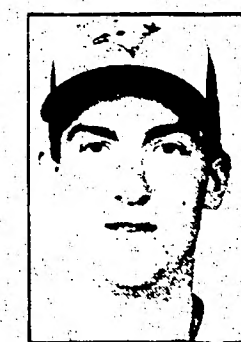
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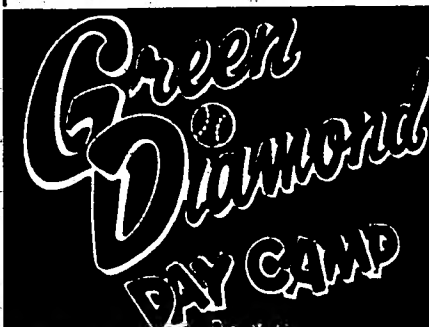
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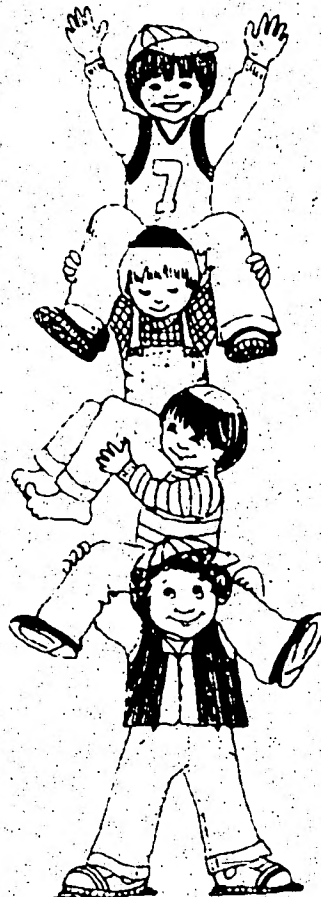
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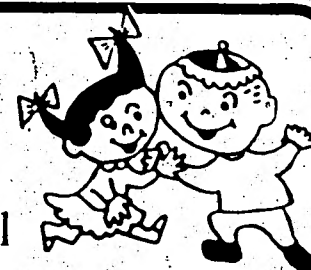
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Community goes to court to obtain public funding

By
PAUL LUNGEN

After years of fruitless political lobbying aimed at Ontario governments led by all three parties, the Jewish community has turned to the courts in a bid to obtain public funding for Jewish day schools.

On Nov. 1, 1991, five parents with children in day schools, operating under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress, launched a legal challenge to the government policy that denies Jewish schools public funds while fully supporting public and Roman Catholic schools.

That practice is unfair and violates Charter rights to freedom of religion and equal benefits under the law, state legal documents filed by the parents.

They also asked the court to order the provincial government to provide health support services, such as speech pathologists and educational audiologists, for children attending Jewish day schools.

student per year for the general studies portion of the educational programs enjoyed by 10,000 students attending Jewish day schools in Ontario.

Beginning on May 25, five days have been set aside by the Ontario Court of Justice to hear the case. But lawyers John Laskin and Edward Morgan, who are representing the parents, will also be in court on Jan. 27 when Judge W.J. Anderson will consider the applications for intervention from a number of interested parties.

The Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, which represents about 12,000 students in a variety of Protestant schools, is arguing for government financial support for its schools. Farber said Congress supports the Alliance's intervention.

Congress is taking a different approach with regard to the proposed intervention of the Multifaith Coalition for Equity in Education (MCEE), which represents a variety of Protestant groups, as well as the Islamic Society of North America and the Council of Sikhs.

Congress opposes their proposed intervention because they are raising an issue that "muddies the waters and fights a battle that's already been decided by the Ontario Court of Appeal," Farber said.

Gerald Vanderzande, government relations co-ordinator for the MCEE, said the organization supports the request for equal treatment for "all religious groups." But "we've always taken the position that for public schools to be public they must do justice to all faith groups," he said. The MCEE will argue that public schools should offer voluntary religious programs for those who request it.

Farber said Congress has for over 40 years opposed religious instruction in public schools, which is a completely different issue than the one the five parents have asked the court to decide. Congress will oppose the MCEE's intervention, he added.

Other organizations which have filed for intervenor status include the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), the Metro Toronto School Board, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the Ontario Federation of Independent Schools (OFIS).

School boards seek intervention

The CCLA opposes the extension of public funds for independent schools, arguing that would weaken the public school system, which it says is key to the development of inter-groups tolerance in society.

The OPSBA, which represents more than 90 school boards and 1.2 million students across the province, and the Metropolitan Toronto School Board will seek joint intervention to oppose the extension of funding as well, said Paula Dunning, president of the OPSBA.

Dunning said the two groups are concerned about "further fragmentation of the public school system" and over the limited financial resources available for education. She said if denominational schools receive government assistance, that would mean fewer funds would be available for public schools to meet their obligations.

Process could take four years

Bernie Farber, director of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, Congress' pro-funding lobby group, estimated the entire legal process, if it should go to the Supreme Court of Canada, could take up to four years to complete.

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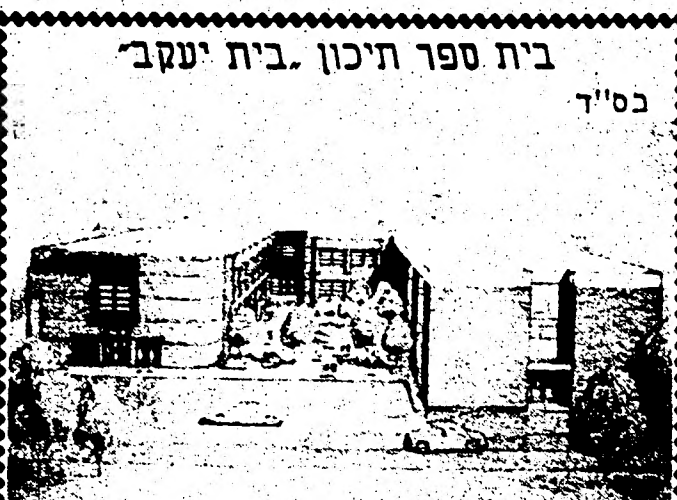
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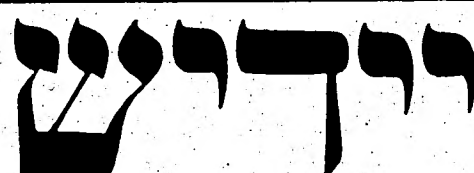
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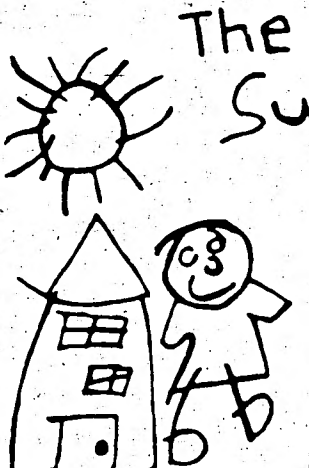
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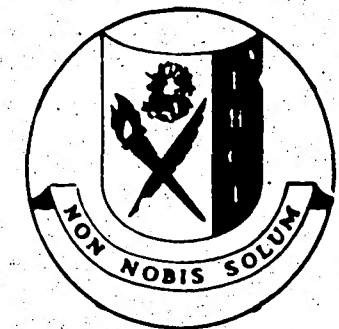
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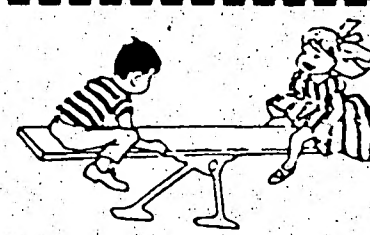
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Educators switch off lights as they turn on to "green"

By
MICHAEL REGENSTREIF

MONTREAL —

"Please turn out the lights for a moment." As the artificial light gave way to the more than adequate natural light streaming in through the classroom window, natural sciences educator Chris Adam explained that "11 percent of all the electrical energy used in North America is used in schools, much of it wasted." The lights remained turned off.

Changing ourselves, our classrooms, our homes — and fanning the sparks of students' interest — were the themes that echoed through An Earth In Crisis, What Can Our Schools Do?, a dynamic and inspiring workshop given by Adam at this year's convention of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish schools.

eliminate the need for more than 300 styrofoam cups annually.

According to Adam, it's these seemingly small gestures that each of us can make, that add up to making a difference to the future of the planet and set the examples that students can follow and carry through their lives.

Adam related the story of one young school girl, who on learning about the havoc wrecked on the ozone layer by CFCs in styrofoam cups, approached her father and demanded that the company he owns ban their use.

Realizing that his daughter made sense, he had his employees bring in their own mugs, eliminating the need for thousands of styrofoam cups annually. The actions of that little girl made a contribution to the future of the planet.

Adam says that children have a natural curiosity about science and nature and that it's up to teachers (and parents) to seize on opportunities this presents. Even the youngest children can understand that everything in nature is related when the example of a tree in the school yard or park is used.

They can learn how that tree is home to birds, squirrels and insects and how the bees in the tree pollinate the flowers; how the tree provides shade on a summer day; and how its leaves give off the oxygen that we breathe.

A feather that a child finds in the school yard shouldn't be discarded as something dirty. It can be quickly sterilized with rubbing alcohol and then used as a teaching aid to explain how birds repair the tears in their feathers, enabling them to keep flying.

Adam encouraged the teachers to help their students make connections between science and nature and all aspects of their lives — how there are many things that each of us can do that make a significant difference in the long run.

*Refill
water
bottles*

Rather than bring a cardboard juice carton to school every day, a student can take a plastic water bottle and refill it with juice daily. A medium-sized school could easily eliminate the garbage from 100,000 juice cartons per year.

In his opinion, there are countless ways to help students of all ages understand the impact that each of us has on the earth's environment. He called on the teachers to set examples for their students and help them to appreciate the benefits and consequences of the way we relate to the world around us.

Above all, he urged the teachers to fan the sparks of interest presented by students' innate curiosity.

Adam spends much of the year working directly with students and teachers in schools. Schools or teachers wanting further information can contact him at 658-8614.

*Used
styrofoam
cups*

Adam took a sip of coffee from the mug that he'd brought from home. Most of the teachers assembled for the workshop drank from styrofoam cups as Adam pointed out that the average teacher drinks two cups of coffee per school day. If they brought their own mugs, each teacher would



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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Teachers urged to dispel negative images of science

By
MARY GREEN

MONTREAL —

The image of scientists as mad, spooky people is coming across to children in books, games and television, and teachers should try to offset this notion in the classroom, according to chemist Joe Schwarcz.

The picture that comes to mind of scientists, "especially chemists, is that they're locked up in some laboratory, somewhere behind closed doors, mixing things together — just trying to determine what new cancer-causing substance they can unleash upon an unsuspecting public," said Schwarcz, a professor at Vanier College and McGill University.

For instance, when one of his daughters was in Grade 3, Schwarcz urged her to go to the library and read up on science. She came home with a borrowed book "of a mad scientist," presenting riddles and jokes such as:

"How many drops of poison can the mad scientist put into an empty test tube? One, because after that it's no longer empty."

"Now that isn't a bad question," said Schwarcz, who addressed a large group of teachers at this year's convention of the Federation of Teachers

of Jewish Schools. "But why on earth does this have to be presented in the guise of a mad scientist putting poison into a test tube, implying that's what scientists do. I really object to the expression mad scientist. It paints the wrong picture. And I think it's ludicrous for children to be taking after-school science courses, entitled Mad Science. The same thing could be done without this ridiculous connotation."

"When children like science or study it, they are thought of as nerds, not regular people," said Schwarcz. Science education at elementary or higher levels is always fighting the problem of this negative image, he said.

"What kind of experiments do scientists do in their laboratories, as far as young kids are concerned?" asked Schwarcz. "They play around with mutant magic, such as Dr. Guk's Magic."

This product, sold as a toy, contains corn starch that you mix with water. It has a strange consistency and, if you squeeze out the water, you can mold with it.

Kids should be encouraged to experiment. "But why does this have to be presented as Dr. Guk's Mutant Magic. It's ridiculous. It undermines everything that education tries to do

by putting it into this nonsensical realm."

But that pales compared to the popular toy The Mad Scientist Monster Lab. This game, costing \$25 U.S., provides bones to make two skeletons that are anatomically incorrect and a monster vat — "real monster flesh and living ice — a froth formula for dissolving the monster."

Following the instructions, children can "make disgusting, gross monsters and sizzle the flesh off their bones," observed Schwarcz. "Just like scientists do every day in their laboratories."

The latest fascination for children in movies and TV about the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — "probably the four most unrelated words ever to have been put together" — is also of concern to Schwarcz. "The TV program might not be wrong, if somehow it focused in on what is meant by the word mutant, a scientific expression. But it isn't happening. In fact, whenever they resort to science, it's wrong. And kids are modelling themselves after these things."

Schwarcz suggested that teachers have a role in making children more aware of the proper image of a scientist and of the benefits science brings to the world.

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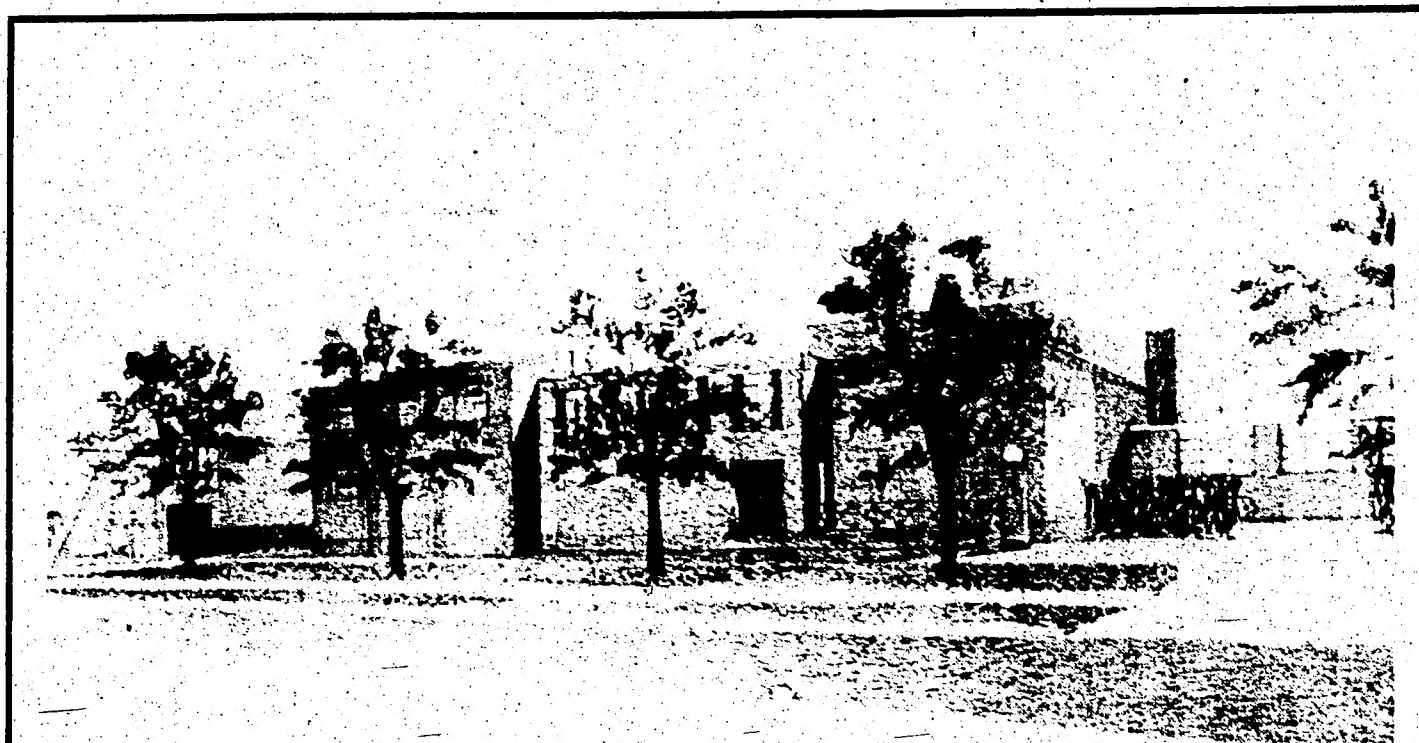
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Arts

Winnipeg Jew's tale results in gold medal

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Return to Buchach, the story of Mina Rosner's return to her pre-war hometown in Galicia (now part of the Ukraine), has won a gold medal at the International Film and Television Festival of New York in the news documentary category.

The medal will be presented Jan. 24 at a ceremony which is expected to draw 1,000 people from around the world. Television, film and broadcasting companies from 29 countries submitted entries.

Rosner, now 78, lost her family in the Holocaust. She remarried after the war and immigrated with her husband to Winnipeg where they ran a corner grocery store. Widowed a few years ago, she be-

gan working on her memoirs with the help and encouragement of her son, Cecil, a journalist now with the CBC. The book about her wartime experiences, *I Am a Witness*, was published last year.

Last May, she and Cecil, with a CBC Winnipeg camera crew in tow, returned to the town Rosner left 45 years ago. En route, they stopped to visit her landsman, Simon Weisenthal. She was also reunited with a Polish woman whose family hid her from the Nazis, and Moshe Schwartz who, as an 8-year-old, hid with his parents and Rosner.

The documentary, produced by CBC Winnipeg's Andy Blicq, was first shown in September, 1990. It will be rebroadcast across Canada during Holocaust Week in April.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Sacred Fragments, by Neil Gillman (Jewish Publication Society, \$19.95 U.S.)

This book, subtitled *Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew*, won the 1991 National Jewish Book Award.

Theology refers to the study of God, His relationship to men and women and the universe, and how His will is communicated. In a larger sense, theology includes such topics as free will, sin and repentance, the end of days and the hereafter.

The author poses questions such as these: Did God reveal the Torah? How is He to be worshipped? Where was He during the Holocaust? Is there life after death?

Gillman, a professor of philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, draws his insights and perspectives from the Bible, rabbinic literature, post-talmudic thought down to the present day — and from the living experience of the Jewish people through the ages.

Two questions are always uppermost in his mind in approaching the complex subjects discussed: What makes a theological statement authentic? Who says so?

Many modern Jews are eager to share in a Jewish faith and tradition but are turned off by simple and conventional answers to difficult questions. What are they to believe in a post-Holocaust society in which God has been largely displaced by

pervasive technology and moral anarchy? It is to these perplexed men and women that this book is addressed. Its title, *Sacred Fragments*, refers to religious ideas that have sustained Jews through the ages, but must be restated and interpreted anew for the needs of a more sophisticated and intellectually demanding age.

In seeking knowledge of God, there are three basic theological approaches. The first of these is the way of reason, in which formal proofs are offered for God's existence. This was the method of Maimonides in the Middle Ages and is still the basis for modern Orthodox belief and teaching. The second way flows from personal experience, including the mystical quest for enlightenment. The prime exponents of this position were Abraham Joshua Heschel and Mordecai Kaplan. The third approach is that of existentialism in which the need for God arises out of a living vital relationship of the entire self. Proponents of this stance include Martin Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, and Emil Fackenheim.

For Mordecai Kaplan and Harold Kushner, God is not responsible for human suffering because He is limited by the very laws He has created to guide the universe and by His gift of free will to men and women. Gillman asserts that Kushner's daring philosophy outlined in his book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, may offend traditional theologians, but its "immense popularity testifies to the readiness of many believing Jews to accept his redefinition."

Written for the serious reader, this valuable work affords a lucid account of the wide spectrum of current Jewish religious thought.

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Jewish feminist focus of NFB documentary

Feisty Lea Roback, a political activist, trade unionist and feminist, is the subject of Sophie Bissonnette's admiring National Film Board documentary, *Des lumieres dans la grande noirceur* (*A Vision in the Darkness*).

Roback, 89, is a gutsy Jewish lady with an enormous social conscience and an awareness of her Jewishness. The daughter of traditional Polish Jews who immigrated to Quebec early in this century, Roback was raised in Beauport. She has lived in Montreal, New York and Weimar Berlin. And as the movie suggests, she has been in the forefront of the major struggles that have shaped modern Quebec.

A product of two separate and distinct cultures, Roback grew up in a French Canadian milieu but was nurtured by her close-knit family.

Her father was a modest shopkeeper who struggled against an anti-Semitic boycott organized by a local priest. Her mother was an inveterate letter writer who, she reminisces, refused to let her brother with sidelocks participate in a St. Jean Baptiste parade.

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Although her parents tended to be conservative, they imbued Roback with the philosophy that all people are created equal. In Yiddish, their creed was "You must do something," and this ringing phrase greatly influenced Roback.

As a young woman, she was a clerk in a Montreal dry cleaning store, a receptionist in a New York law firm, a Communist party member in Berlin (she left the party in 1958), a clerk in a Montreal Marxist book store and a union organizer in Montreal's garment industry.

All her life, Roback has fought for a better, more enlightened society and against anti-Semitism. Through the medium of old film footage and stills, Bissonnette evokes these struggles.

Roback's adversaries were the then reactionary Catholic church, Premier Maurice Duplessis, poverty, greedy landlords, sexual harassment in the workplace and bosses who exploited their workers.

"So, it's only a cockroach," a garment factory owner once said flippantly with regard to an infestation of cockroaches in the lunchroom. "It's nothing," Roback, of course, disagreed, and prevailed in that battle.

The anti-Semitism of the 1920s and 1930s is strongly evoked. "Being Jewish was tough," Roback acknowledges. It was an "evil virus" which spawned made-in-Quebec fascism and a blithe toleration of openly blatant anti-Semitism. Bissonnette fails to explain how, as an activist, Roback tried to combat anti-Semitism.

A Vision in the Darkness, which was recently screened at the John Spotton Theatre in Toronto, adeptly links Roback with the social, economic and political forces that have moulded Quebec.

But in her haste to place Roback in a meaningful context, Bissonnette, unfortunately, all but ignores her personal life.

And so, while we're left with an interesting portrait of a hardy crusader who bristles at injustice and misery, Lea Roback, the human being, comes across as something of a cipher.

SNIPPET...

Fried Green Tomatoes is, among other things, a bitter-sweet reminiscence of a U.S. Southern woman who bucks the racial conventions of her time, the 1930s. Iddie Threadgoode (Mary Stuart Masterson) of Whistle Stop, Alabama, defies the Ku Klux Klan, and a bigoted legal system, to prevent a travesty of justice, the imprisonment of an innocent black man.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Fried Green Tomatoes* alternates between the present and the past. It unfolds through the eyes of Iddie, Ninny Threadgoode (Jessica Tandy), an octogenarian, and Evelyn Couch (Kathy Bates), an overweight matron with an inferiority complex who's enchanted by Iddie's stories of the past.

In part a commentary on race relations in the United States, Jon Avnet's film is distinguished by fine performances, especially from Masterson, who's masterful.



Lea Roback —the subject of Sophie Bissonnette's film.

Eye on Arts

By
BEN ROSE

Two of the characters in *Taking Liberties* by Dave Carley are involved in Jewish issues; a gentile lawyer fighting to have a Jewish man admitted to the local golf and country club, and another lawyer questioning the right of a high school teacher to teach Holocaust denial.

The play, a one-acter, is part of the New Ideas Festival by the Alumnae Theatre Company, 70 Berkeley St. (364-4170) and runs Jan. 22-25 at 8 p.m., with a Saturday matinee.

Two other one-act plays are presented on the same bill.

Leah Posluns Theatre presents the Canadian premiere of the one-man show, *Avner The Eccentric*, starring Avner Eisenberg, Jan. 22-Feb. 16.

Combining the styles of Jerry Lewis and Charlie Chaplin, Eisenberg presents a vaudeville-influenced mix of magic, physical antics and audience involvement that's fraught with surprises.

Vibraphonist Peter Appleyard is donating his talents to the North York Symphony in a benefit performance at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. (499-2204).

Beautiful Losers

A play based on the novel *Beautiful Losers* by Leonard Cohen, Canada's singing poet, hits the boards Feb. 7-16 at the Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen Street W. (538-0988).

Threshold Theatre, a troupe based in Kingston, Ont., is doing the first-ever adaptation of Cohen's novel, first published in 1966. The theme of individuals struggling to connect with each other is explored through the relationships between the narrator, his native Canadian wife and their Quebecois friend. The play is adapted and directed by Mark Cassidy, assisted by Suzanne Hersh.

Noah Zacharin combines the roles of dentist, poet, singer, songwriter and guitarist and his second cassette, *Silence Spoken Here* will be launched at the Spadina Hotel, 460 King Street W., Feb. 1 at 10 p.m., cover charge of \$3 applies. Zacharin, born in Montreal, has lived in Toronto since 1987. As a dentist, he works part-time at a community health centre in downtown Toronto. He plays all the instruments and sings all the voices on his new cassette which he says is a personal and profound record that extends from his roots in traditional music to jazz and blues.

A new book of poems by Dr. Shel Krakofsky, *The Reversible Coat* has been published by Moonstone Press of Goderich, Ont. This is the first book-length collection by the physician who practises as a family doctor in London and lives on a farm at Komoka, near London, with his wife, Dalia, a school principal, and their three children, Noah, Rivka and Shira.

Two important exhibits are opening Jan. 22 at the Kofler Gallery and running until Feb. 28. One is *Caricature and Conscience* a retrospective on the ceramic sculpture of Dora Wechsler (1897-1952) and the other is an exhibition of recent prints and drawings by Lynne Lomofsky who draws her images from items related to housework, such as a mixmaster, iron, kettle, vacuum cleaner among others.

Despite the passage of half a century, Wechsler's eloquent satire of the upper classes, wry commentary on the working classes, and empathy with the hungry, homeless, and unemployed remain recognizable to modern audiences.

The Jan. 27 and 28 Mostly Music programs on CBC Stereo celebrating the 75th birthday of composer Oscar Morawetz will be heard from 9.05 a.m. to 11 a.m., not p.m., as listed previously in Eye on Arts. CBC Stereo also announces a change in the Music Alive broadcast of his works to 10.05 a.m. to noon on Feb. 9.

Jewish storyteller to speak at synagogue

TORONTO —

World-famous Jewish storyteller Peninnah Schram will bring her enrapturing tales to Beth Tikvah Synagogue (3080 Bayview Ave.) on Feb. 1 as part of the shul's Sephardic Heritage Year.

Schram will address two sessions. Following Shabbat morning services, she will tell stories about Truth Through Love and Lore. That evening, she will share Love Stories in the Sephardic Tradition.

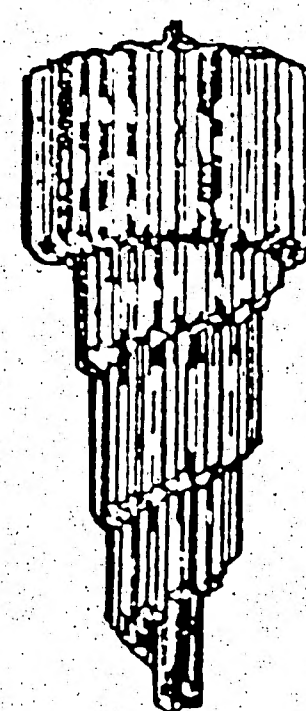
Schram will be brought to Toronto by Beth Tikvah's Sisterhood.

A founding director of the Peninnah Schram Jewish Storytelling Centre in New York and co-ordinator of the Jewish Storytelling Network, Schram holds workshops all over the United States on the art of Jewish storytelling.

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Travel

Italian spa resort revitalizes visitors

By
LEN BUTCHER

There may be better ways to spend a week than relaxing at an Italian spa and shopping in Venice, but it would be hard to convince Jan Levine.

Levine, an advertising rep for *The CJN*, had a chance recently to join a group of 24 for a spa holiday at the Grand Hotel Orologio in the picturesque village of Abano, a 45-minute drive from Venice. She didn't need to be asked twice. Kissing hubby Al and the kids arrivederci, Levine was soon winging her way aboard an Alitalia jet to the land of pasta and pampering.

The trip, arranged by Gary Unsworth of Spa Holidays in Toronto, was, as Levine kept telling me—fantastic. After arriving at the hotel and given a tour of the grounds which were "absolutely beautiful," says Levine, the group was scheduled to see the hotel doctor to check their fitness for the activities at the spa.

By the way, this five-star resort features tennis courts, a jogging track, fully-equipped gym, three outdoor and indoor thermal pools, putting green and cycling. But the real attractions are the beauty and body treatments.

Under the direct supervision of a health director and a team of consultants and physio-kinesitherapists, the spa-water treatment, anti-stress and stimulant programs are carried out in top-of-the-line facilities which offer a wide range of remedial and rehabilitation schedules using mudbaths, thermal-mineral baths, hydromassage, aerosol and inhalation treatments using mineral and/or medicated waters, massages, sauna, physiotherapy and kinesiotherapy in thermal pools and in the gym.

Abano Terme, as it is called, is one of the best known spas in the world and is famous for its elegant beauty care department, says Levine. "That's where we spent most of our time. Not that we needed it, of course," she says, laughing.

It is there that guests enjoy the nourishing, moisturizing and tonifying treatments for the face and body, firming treatments for the face, hips and abdomen, mud or

modelling-mask applications and the thermal-mineral needle shower, lymphatic drainage and anti-wrinkle, anti-acne and anti-telangiectasis treatments.

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The consultants point out that fango-therapy is usually taken once a year. Two cycles a year can be performed, but always with an interval of four to five months.

"You come out of there feeling wonderful and ready to shop," says Levine. And shop they did. Venice may never be the same. The best shopping, she says, was in the area around the Rialto Bridge, while the most expensive was, not surprisingly, around the Piazza San Marco, where most of the shops feature top name designers. "But the clothes were magnificent and the famous Murano glass, (which can only be bought in Venice) was exquisite."

Levine says that what makes shopping such a joy is that "each region has their own things, whether it's leather goods or paintings or food. There's real variety." This was a particularly enjoyable trip for Levine who had lived in Italy a number of years ago.

"It's a special place for me," she said, "and the rest of the women were so nice and so much fun, I couldn't help but have a great time."

Levine had high praise for the Hotel Orologio, which she described as "elegant, with wonderful service and staff. It's the kind of place that would appeal to almost anyone, both men and women. There's plenty to do, you're close to great cities like Venice, Padua and Florence and you're doing something for your body. What more could you want?"

"And before you ask, yes, I'd go back tomorrow."



A visitor enjoys a mudbath at the Grand Hotel Orologio in Abano, a 45-minute drive from Venice.

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Israel's hotel business reports increase in fall '91

A dramatic increase in Israel's hotel occupancy was recorded for the fall of 1991.

More than half a million tourist overnights in three to five-star properties were seen in the month of October 1991 alone. Not surprisingly, tourist overnights more than doubled over the month of October 1990, when the Gulf situation was heating up. However — and this is a surprise — these October figures reflect a 17 percent increase over October 1989, which was a peak season!

Thirty-three percent of October's overnights were registered in Jerusalem, and the rest were evenly distributed throughout the bustling cities and tourist regions of the country.

October and November 1991 were tremendously good months for Israel,

according to Yehuda Shen, director for Canada, Israel Government Tourist Office, a trend that will continue to climb throughout the year.

In other hotel news, the property once known as the Sonesta on the Dead Sea has changed hands and will now be called the Nirvana Resort and Spa with the staff remaining at the hotel under the new management.

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Travel

TRAVEL
TALKBy
LEN BUTCHER

As promised last issue, I'm going to tell you about a tour being organized by **Aufgang Travel** which should interest many of you.

It's called **Jewish Life of Eastern Europe** and runs from May 14 to 28. It's a journey to Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary and the group will be escorted by **Rabbi Erwin Schild** and his wife **Laura**.

You fly to **Prague** via **Air France** where you'll take a walking tour of the **State Jewish Museum** complex, home of the **Precious Legacy**. From there it's a visit to the 13th century **Altneu Shul** and the **Pinkas**, **Klaus** and **Spanish** synagogues. Then on to the **Jewish Cemetery** and the gravesite of **Rabbi Lowe**, the **Maharal**, before moving on to the **Jewish Clock** on the outside of the **Jewish Town Hall** (I'm tired already).

While still in **Prague** you'll visit **Terezin**, the former "model" concentration camp. Later in the day you'll tour this wonderful city. The following day you fly to **Ostrava** on the **Czech-Polish** border and make the drive to **Auschwitz** and **Birkenau**. From there you travel to **Cracow** for a tour of **Jewish** sites.

You then head for **Lublin** via **Tarnow**, **Rapoczyce**, **Lesajsk** and **Zamosc**. You will visit the former **Yeshiva Chachmei Yisrael** before visiting **Majdanek**. Next is **Warsaw** and a tour of all the sites of **Jewish** interest. **Budapest** follows with a boat ride along the **Danube River** and a stroll on **Margaret Island**.

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Okay, now for another tour that is of equal interest. This one is being arranged by **Conference Travel**. It's called **Explore The Jewish Heritage In Spain** and runs from March 22 to April 7. **CT's Max Milstone** is excited about the tour and well he should be.

First you fly to **Madrid** on **Iberia** from **Toronto** and then connect to **Barcelona**. A tour of this wonderful city which has been an important Jewish cultural centre since the 9th century includes a visit to the "Mountain of the Jews," the Stadium and Olympic buildings (the Olympics are being held there this year). On your second day in **Barcelona** a city tour takes you to the Cathedral which features an altarpiece by **Jaime Huguet** with Hebrew characters from the Middle Ages, a visit to the **Picasso Museum** and the **Spanish Village**. The **Museum of the History of the City** is recommended for Hebrew liturgical objects. Then it's off to **Madrid** for four nights. The first order of the day is a visit to **Toledo** to see places like **Synagogue El Transito**, **Synagogue Santa Maria La Blanca**, **Sephardic Museum** and the **Palace of Samuel Levi**.

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From **Madrid** take a motorcoach to **Cordoba** and visit **Maimonides Square** where the statue of the great philosopher stands as well as the house in which he lived. I could go on and on but space limits me so I will wrap this up by telling you the cost is \$3,395 CDN. For more information give **Max Milstone** or **Bob Glazier** a call at 922-8161.

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reduce travel costsBy
JACK KOHANE

TORONTO —

If the high costs of hotel accommodations are putting a crimp into your next vacation plans, take heart — there is one sure-fire way to beat those expenses. House swapping is a concept whose time has come.

At first glance, the prospect of inviting strangers to look after your home while you are away may seem a risky venture. It is certainly not for xenophobes.

But for those with equal measures of trust and integrity, it represents a bold new way to travel while gaining an unparalleled appreciation of other cultures and lifestyles.

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For an annual fee of \$75, and a profile of locations (many with photographs), members are encouraged to correspond with others in the locales of their condos. Through letters and phone calls families get to know one another and their particular preferences in matters of children, pets, smoking, even swaps of cars.

A sampling of impressions by those who have already gone through the process of house swapping proves enlightening.

Ronald Morris and **Helen Hatton** of **Toronto** love to travel. Last year they opened their home to a couple from **New Zealand** whom they met through the **Intervac** network. The stay lasted for two months while **Ronald** and **Helen** trekked through **Greece** and **Turkey**.

"They maintained our Victorian-style home in immaculate condition," says **Helen**. "They took care of the utility bills during their visit, fed the pets, and took in all the major sights about **Toronto**. Our

insurance company was especially pleased that the house would be occupied during our extended time away."

The **New Zealand** couple had access to the family car and drove to northern **Ontario**, **Ottawa** and several points in the **United States**.

"They loved it and were genuinely moved by Canadian hospitality everywhere they went."

Ronald and **Helen** now plan to go to **New Zealand** and discover that country in the same manner.

David and **Audrey Hughes** of **Queensland**, **Australia** recently toured the **United States** and **Canada** during a four-month stay. "We believe this is the only way to experience a country and its people," **Audrey** explains.

"We set up home exchanges with **Intervac** members along our itinerary route. We made many wonderful friends and relationships which will last for years."

John and **Helen Hancock** are also house-swapping veterans. They own a magnificent rambling 16th-century country estate complete with private tennis court and horse stables in **Kent, England**. The location is idyllic, surrounded by the picture-postcard **English countryside**, yet in close proximity to both **London** and the southern coastal region.

"Last year we exchanged homes with a family from **Carmel, California**," says **Helen**. "The residence was luxurious, nestled in amongst the homes of **Hollywood** movie stars. We enjoyed the pool, Jacuzzi and a terrace with a terrific view of the ocean. It was great fun and, for us, the only way to holiday."

Home exchanges do require a fair amount of work on everyone's part to make a successful exchange happen. It works best for those with flexibility, spirit of adventure and willingness to try new experiences.

House swapping lets one experience international destinations in depth from the perspective of a resident than a tourist.

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Business Outlook

Retail requires consumer study

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

A study of the Canadian consumer is badly needed by the retailing community, said a retailer at the Retail Council of Canada meeting held recently in Toronto.

"This examination is needed because the '90s are very different from the 1980s," said the chairman and director of Bargain Harold's Discount Ltd.

Dean Muncaster was a participant at the Retail Roundtable session that offered some Canadian retailers a chance to speak on any issue that is affecting the retail industry.

Muncaster said that while the recession is similar to the one that hit earlier in the decade, the differences are vast.

He said that the consumer requires merchandise at better value but lower prices. Today's consumer is beset with uncertainty — uncertainty about long-term job stability, debt levels and even the future of the country. Eroding real estate values means there is a limited asset base, Muncaster said.

"The baby boomers no longer see a rosy future. Many have plateaued with little savings as they enter middle age and as a result, there has been a shift in values and priorities. Today, it is fashionable not to consume."

"The impact of the recession has meant an emphasis on savings and consumer scale down."

He added that the retailer is faced with the challenge of cost containment and productivity.

The next to speak was Eddie Black, president of Black's Photo Corporation. His topic addressed employee expectations.

He said that many issues and opportunities await the retailer but one factor that is different from several years ago is that people are considered the greatest asset.



Dean Muncaster

"Good times mean higher wages and promotions while tough times mean wage reduction, shrinking profits and no promotions. Employees need a little help during these emotional times."

He urged his fellow retailers to prepare their greatest assets. He said that threats and stone walls need to be replaced with the appropriate motivators and a framework is needed for forward thinking.

David Williams, the executive vice-president of Loblaw Companies Ltd., said that this decade is one marked by strong social concerns.

"The emphasis has moved from I to us. The rise of consumerism has led to two major social-economic issues — the environment and employment equity," Williams said, adding that the importance of the issues should be weighed as a business opportunity.

He said the environment provides some good opportunities because the customer wants it. Presenting environmental products can give companies a competitive advantage and the move is credible not opportunistic, he added.

Williams said that while retailers should not be the regulators of con-

sumer values, they must offer choices so the individual has the decision.

As far as employment equity is concerned, Williams said that retailers must understand that Canada is changing faster than expected. He said the largest labor group can be found in non-traditional sectors and this will have a major impact on social issues.

He said that retailers will have to take into account the social and cultural differences.

Williams said the government has waited for the retailers to act and they haven't responded. Although he said most do not agree with a quota system, something must be done to promote employment equity.

"For good business reasons, we have to compete and understand the consumers. The solution is to attract and retain a new workforce. Employers have to be sensitized so they will be seen as innovative, cultural, and diverse leaders."

Ted Loyst, president of the Liv Group, said consumers are fed up with high prices and a host of other factors.

The retailers' nightmare has been realized with the increase of cross-border shopping. He said the retail industry is in trouble — franchising, bankruptcies, foreign competition and the recession — all these factors have serious implications for the retailer.

"What can the retailer do? My company is not prepared to watch sales fall off the map. I'm doing everything I can to keep the old customer and steal others from the competition."

"Good value and service will bring the consumer back but to win the market share, the retailers have to put some of the pleasure into shopping," Loyst said.

"The demand-driven consumer is king. Retailing is not dead but we have to fight. We have to decide where we want to go, set a course and get there."

**Business
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Moneysense is consumer-oriented, offering practical information to help with money management. The focus is personal finance with viewpoints on how business and the economy affect it.

The program is a sequel to Moneysworth, the popular program seen on TV Ontario for the past nine years. Bruce Rogers, host of Moneysworth, is back as host and co-producer of Moneysense.

Moneysense is faster-paced than its predecessor, with stronger production element and on-location reports. A new segment, Viewpoint, is added to the show.

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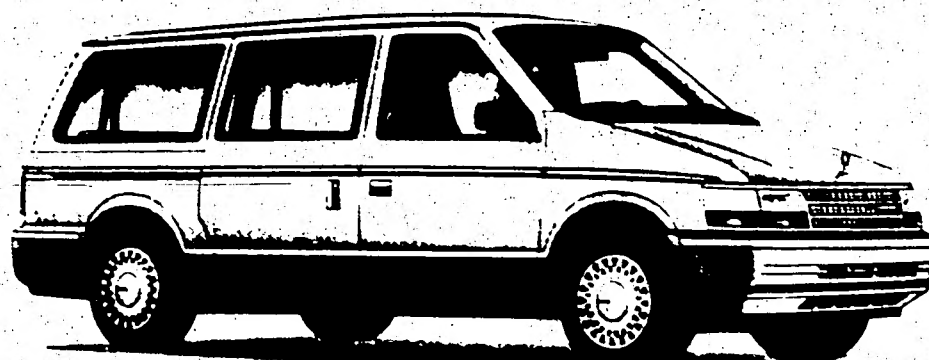


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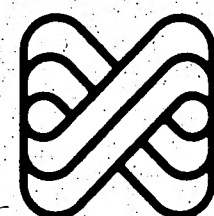
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Business Outlook

Retail Council examines cross-border shopping issue

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Cross-border shopping is not a new phenomenon ... it is not a child of the GST ... and, in the last few months we have seen a leveling off in the number of crossings to the U.S., says the president of the Retail Council of Canada (RCC).

An understanding of the motivations and the issues surrounding cross-border shopping has to be established if Canadian retailers are to combat the problem. Perhaps this explains the support the seminar received from members of the RCC.

Alasdair McKichan says that research done on the issue reveals that Canadians are motivated to shop south of the border because of price and the extensive variety of merchandise.

McKichan points out that those shoppers who live close to the border cross to purchase everyday items while those who live further away make fewer trips but larger purchases.

He adds that pressure from the National Task Force on Cross-border Shopping, a body that involves members from the two levels of government and the business community, has led to some changes.

For example, McKichan cites increased interception at border points where duties are collected. In addition, it has been established that the provinces will collect their own taxes.

It is pointed out that Ontario will begin to collect the tax retroactive through the mail by January 1993.

At the federal level, the government has reduced the taxes on mail-order goods available in the United States from Canada and this action will increase the competitive edge.

McKichan says that competitive studies have been undertaken and communication has been increased.

"The issue is a sensitive one and, as the population does not hold the government in high esteem, the task force will test messages that will be delivered to the population."

John Williams, president of John C. Williams Consultants, cites five realities that retailers must face as a result of cross-border shopping.

First, while Canadian shoppers are going south, global retailers are going north, east and west. Canada is being aggressively invaded by the best retail chains of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Sweden and Japan.

cade of micro-marketing and the advantage will be with those retailers who market not only with technology by locality, by neighborhood and individually, Williams says.

The final reality Williams points out is that Canada and Canadians are leaders in many areas such as medicine, architecture, dance and culture.

"Basically, we choose the game we are going to play. Not all the names of our retailers are slaughtered when they go south of the border," Williams says, citing Irving as an example.

"There is no one better than a Canadian — we just have to do it."

John Torella, senior vice-president of Vickers and Benson Advertising Ltd., points out a number of ways that the Canadian retailer can combat cross-border shopping in our own backyard.

He states that perception is reality and one perception is that Canadian marketers and communicators are not competitive to play and win in the 1990s. This preconceived idea has to change.

Torella suggests focusing on one point: How can we do better?

He says that retailers need to understand how they have strayed from their basic strengths when determining why the consumer should shop Canadian.

Torella says that retailers have to look at the competition. Some of the more successful retailers from outside Canada never stray from their basic story. They sell and tell who they are, he adds.

"What we have to do is find a balance between price, promotion and who we are. We also need to focus on the existing customer."

Torella adds that by concentrating on service, innovative ideas and reshaping the retailing game, tremendous retailing opportunities will become available.

Weak and wounded

"These countries are not sending their weak and wounded. These retailers' sales double the amount of money that is going south."

Reality No. 2 — the domino effect. The new retail formula is brutal, he says, adding that the key line is expenses.

The impact of mass merchants, specialty and department stores is washing through the American distribution channels and across the border.

On a positive note, Williams points out that many Canadian retailers are doing very well. These are the retailers who use promotional specials to combine buying power with service. Reality No. 4 is that this is a de-

Coca-Cola releases formula to rabbi

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The giant Coca-Cola Corp. has yielded to an Israeli rabbi a secret hitherto known only to the soft drink's founding family and a handful of the corporation's most trusted executives — the formula for making Coke.

There was a need to know, says Rabbi Moshe Landau of Bnei Brak, an Orthodox township northeast of Tel Aviv.

The Israeli businessman who just acquired local bottling rights applied

to him for a hechsher, the kosher certificate which assures the pious they may consume a product without violating divine laws.

But first the rabbi had to be sure Coca-Cola is indeed kosher according to strict Orthodox standards. To do so, he had to be told the ingredients it contains — knowledge Coke's competitors presumably would die for.

The would-be bottlers contacted Coca-Cola headquarters in the United

States, where it was finally decided to let the rabbi in on one of the great corporate secrets of all times.

Still the rabbi, to satisfy himself, had to visit Coca-Cola plants in Europe and the United States, where the syrupy liquid is produced. Some of his aides also got free trips to the Far East to examine how a secret herbal root essential to the formula is processed.

The Bnei Brak hechsher is expected to be issued shortly.

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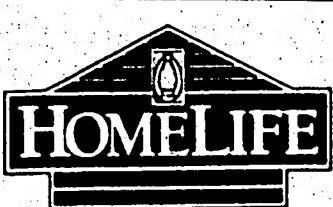
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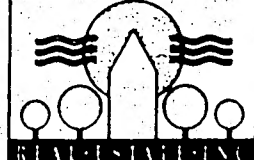
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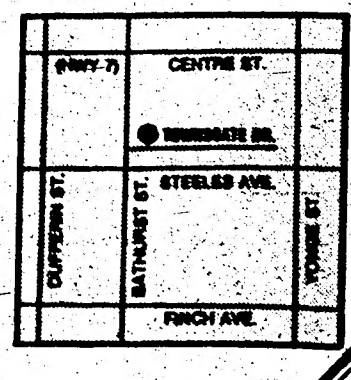
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55 **Obituaries**

Elsner, Sam on Thursday, January 9, 1992, at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, after a courageous battle. Sam beloved husband of Renia. Loving father of Toby and Saul Feldberg, Lily Silverman, Rick Feldman, Eve and David Lloyd. Dear brother of Minashe. Devoted grandfather of David and Elyssa, Bernie, Janice, Michelle, Joel, David, Brooke, Tarah and Talya. Devoted great grandfather of Alexa and Jordy. Services were held at Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel on Friday, January 10, 1992 at 2:00pm. Interment: Independent Workers Circle section of Mt. Sinai Memorial Park. Shiva: 97 Denlow Blvd. Memorial donations to: Kupat Holim or Na'amat 272 Codel Avenue, Downsview, M3H 3X2, 630-9444 would be appreciated. 8401

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Support urged for children of mentally ill

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO - We should pay more attention to children whose parents suffer from manic depression, says Dr. Tatyana Barankin of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry.

"Families, professionals and society often pay more attention to the mentally ill parent than to his [or her] children," she said in a lecture at Northern District Library. "We have to provide more attention and support to the children of psychiatrically ill parents in order to help prevent mental illness from passing from one generation to the next," she said.

Barankin, whose appearance was sponsored by the Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto, is head of a clinic at the Clarke Institute that provides counselling for children from families in which at least one parent has an affective disorder.

Though many of these children do not suffer from manic depression themselves, they are all affected by problems associated with the disorder, said Barankin. She cited marital discord as an example. "When one spouse suffers from manic depression, it puts a tremendous strain on the marriage," she said, "and, of course, this affects the couple's children."

These children should be provided with a dependable support system, consisting of relatives, family friends and/or hired help, said Barankin.

"A support system is very important because it provides these children with security and stability," she said. "Children are sometimes neglected and their needs are not met when one or both of their parents suffer from manic depression."

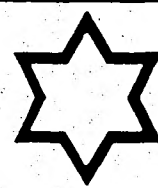
Barankin also said these children should speak openly about manic depression with their parents and with counsellors. "Children need outlets for their frustrations and worries just as adults do," she said. "[At our clinic] we build the confidence and resilience of each child so that the effects of the illness are minimized," she said.

Barankin said some parents are hesitant about having their children receive therapy because they fear their children will be "overtreated" or labelled negatively. With therapy, however, many of these children mature into healthy adults, Barankin said, indicating that many of them develop great insight into human nature.

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Beatties beats Buffalo's best

When you buy apparel from Beatties, you're buying from people who have 40 years of experience in the men's and boy's clothing industry.

Co-owners Bruce Hadden and Gil Taylor, who have been with the business since the beginning, say that the store is built on the quality and selection of the garments, to say nothing of the top-of-the-line service that is extended to customers.

Taylor explains that because of the satisfied customers they have fitted over the years, many of their present clients are second and even third generation.

He says that a large part of the business is outfitting bar mitzvah boys in suits for that special day. The boys receive the same care and attention that is extended to the men, he adds.

The firm's dedication to service can be seen in the on-site tailor shop that accommodates the free alterations to ensure a proper fit. This offers convenience to the customer, and as Taylor points out, the service also means that clients who need a suit in a hurry will not have to wait long.

In addition to the full range of sizes, Beatties also carries full ensemble for husky boys.

Taylor says that Beatties is known for the private school uniforms it supplies to 30 schools in Toronto and the surrounding areas.

Whether you're looking to buy clothing for either a man or a boy, the quality found at Beatties is unmatched by garments found south of the border, Taylor says.

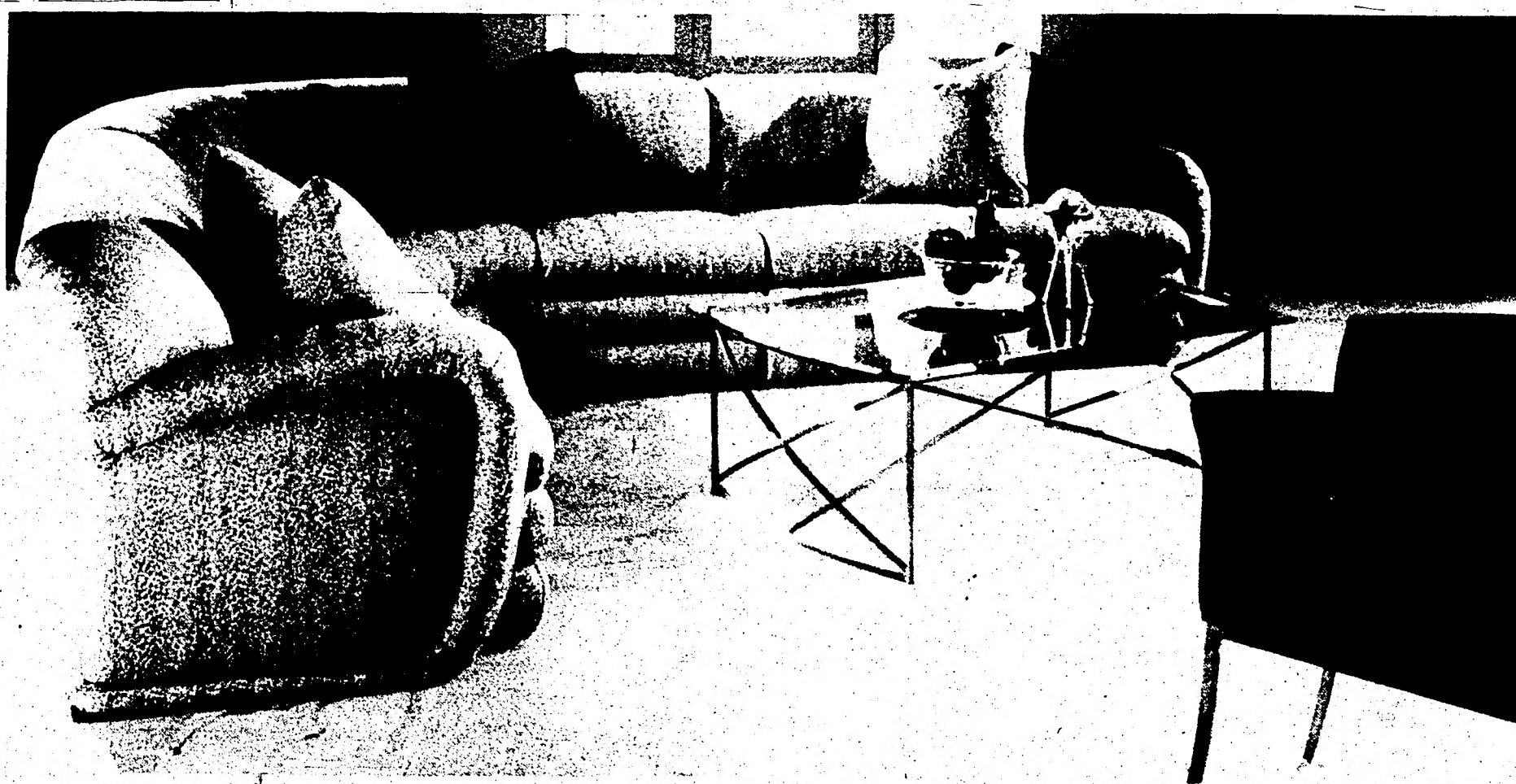
"The quality of the clothes in the United States is not comparable to here — particularly in boys' wear. You have to compare apples to apples and not apples to oranges," he says, adding that his garments are in the mid-to upper-price range.

"Our prices are competitive. We plan to have the firm stay in business much longer than the 40 years it has already been in business," says Taylor.

The store, located at 430 Eglinton Ave. W., has nine full-time staff members and several part-time workers. Taylor points out that all are professionally trained in the men's and boys' clothing industry.

As far as the clothing lines are concerned, Beatties carries a varied selection of quality garments. Included in the list for boys are brand names such as Polo, Vuarnet, Boston Trader, Guess and R. J. Camp. For men, customers can look forward to seeing Henry Grethel, Tommy Hilfiger, Christian Dior dress shirts and Cambridge Clothing, to name a few.

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DeBoer's stresses product value

When Anne DeBoer opened his furniture store in Toronto in 1951 his philosophy was to offer his customers good design and craftsmanship at affordable prices.

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Holland's canals with his family, selling wares at each village on the route. It was here and at a future land operation that Deboer developed his sense of fine furniture and good value.

When DeBoer moved to Canada, he maintained a commitment to

product value and combined it with his keen eye for quality and design in furniture. His first store sold furniture from Holland and the Scandinavian countries and DeBoer found that Canadians, who had

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Sid Gladstone, president of Royal Lighting, says he prides himself "on offering one of the finest selections of fixtures, lamps, ceiling fans, shades and bulbs anywhere in Metro Toronto."

Gladstone says that lightbulbs are not all your common drugstore variety. "We carry what we call the exotic bulbs — those that are needed for antiques, or the unusual lamps from Europe. We have customers that come from 20 to 30 miles away just to buy lightbulbs."

He says now that Ontario Hydro would like to see the province eventually convert to energy saving halogen light bulbs, Royal Lighting has become the Ontario Hydro energy saving centre. "If, for instance, the superintendent of an apartment wants to convert his building to halogen lighting, we can help him in one of two ways. Either we replace the fixtures completely or we can have them converted. We will work with the building management from be-

ginning to end until all the work is done."

Gladstone says that his store has begun introducing halogen lights to customers who may not know about them. "Halogen is a pure white light that gives a clear color of rendition. It is quite popular in such places as clothing stores and beauty parlors where seeing colors properly is so important. We have converted many of these stores to halogen lights."

He notes that excellent service is a very important aspect of Royal Lighting. "Our service is where we shine. All our staff are trained lighting consultants and if a customer comes into our store confused from all the selection, we offer an in-home decorating service. As well, those moving into new homes can come to us with their house plans and we will help them choose their lighting fixtures."

He adds that Royal Lighting is one of the few lighting centres that do lamp repair on the premises. "Because we do it right in the store, the costs are nominal and the repairs are done quite quickly. People have brought in 100-year-old lamps with rotted wiring and dangerous sockets

and we can fix them."

Gladstone cannot stress enough the importance of making sure the wiring on lamps and lighting fixtures are not in disrepair. "Faulty wiring is a large factor in house fires."

As for trends in lighting, Gladstone says that in a city the size of Toronto there are almost as many tastes as there are people. "A lot of young people are buying old homes and fixing them up. That is when they find themselves in a dilemma. They want to change the look with contemporary lighting, yet they want to maintain the traditional look, so what we have is a lot of mixing and matching going on."

He adds that a lot of people are still buying crystal, a lot want the contemporary look, many buy brass, and the sandstone desert look is still popular. "We are able to suit everyone's tastes."

Gladstone says that for further shopping convenience, Royal Lighting has introduced a custom picture framing department that frames pictures "professionally with guaranteed workmanship."

Royal Lighting has parking for 45 cars on the premises.

Spotlite targets savings

"Warehouse outlet shopping will be the focal point for consumer spending in the future," says Ron Lynn, president of Spotlite Casual Wear.

Spotlite Casual Wear has been manufacturing men's and ladies' shirts, blouses, pants and sweaters for more than 400 retailers throughout Ontario for the past six years. It is an official supplier and licensee of men's and ladies' sweaters for the 1992 Albertville/Barcelona Olympic Games. It has also designed and manufactured the winter and summer uniforms for the Canadian Olympic teams past and present.

For the past three years, Spotlite has offered special savings of 50 percent off its own manufacturer's suggested retail pricing to their preferred customer list of over 8,500. "We offer our own label, first quality merchandise with current styling, fabrics and colors," says Lynn. "We never sell ends of lines, damages or samples. On many occasions, we supplement our warehouse outlet sales by offering outside brand name goods at 50 percent off manufacturers' suggested retail price, e.g. OshKosh, Esprit and Lady Manhattan. Our sales take place once every two months, and our customers are notified well in advance by mail."

"Cross-border shopping has not affected us as much as we thought it would," says Lynn. "Our customers know our quality and impeccable service and find our pricing is cheaper than Buffalo shopping."

East and West Beaver Creek, has always been known strictly as an industrial complex. With Spotlite Casual Wear leading the way, it has become the new haven for factory/warehouse direct shopping.

"We are eliminating the middleman," says Lynn, "and all the price mark-ups associated with him. We are passing on these savings directly to our customers. You can't get that in Buffalo!"

"Retailers located in major shopping malls have to pay rent, common area maintenance, security and administration fees. These costs are incorporated into their prices. We don't have any of these expenses and our prices reflect that," Lynn explained.

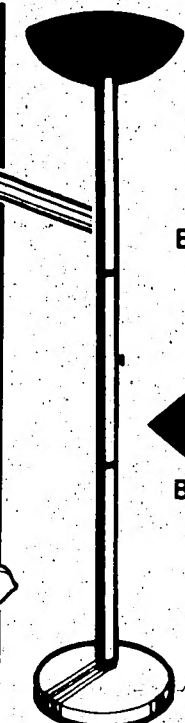
Spotlite Casual Wear will be holding its annual January sale on Jan. 27 to Feb. 1. It will be featuring merchandise at 50 percent off manufacturers' suggested retail price from Sun Ice (kids' and adults' skiwear), OshKosh Kidswear, and an additional 20-30 percent off fall Spotlite label men's and ladies' wear. It has recently opened a clearance centre on the second floor featuring merchandise priced between \$5 and \$20.

To add your name to the Spotlite Casual Wear mailing list and enjoy these fantastic savings for your entire family, simply call 882-1113 or visit the warehouse outlet at 70 East Beaver Creek Rd. Unit 22 in Richmond Hill, Ont.

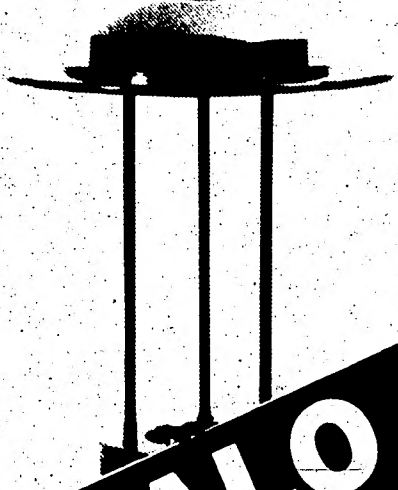
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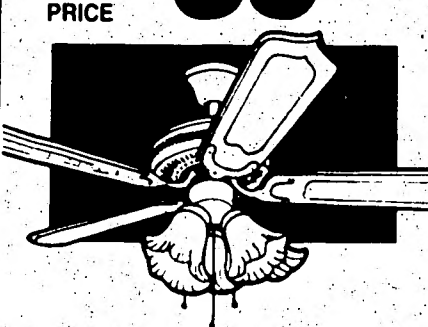
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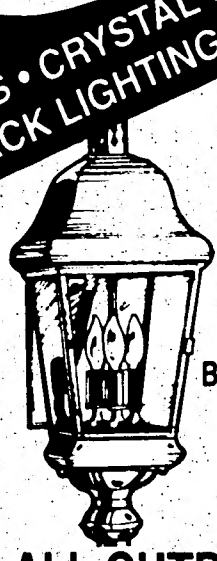
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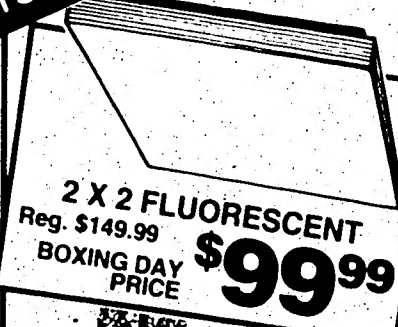
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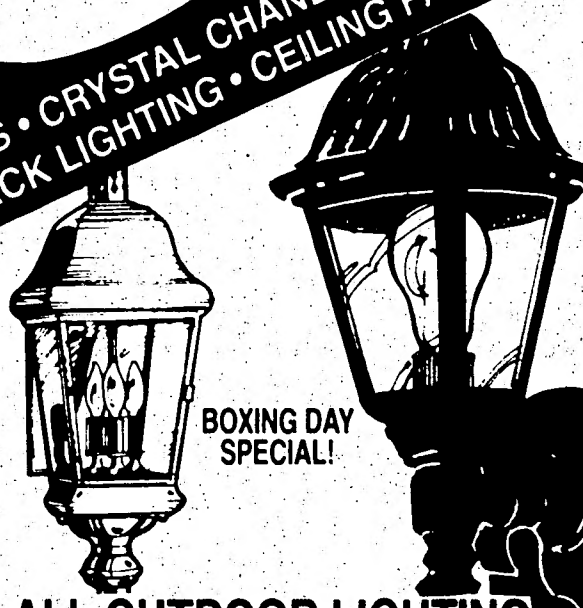
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Yossie Marmorstein and wife, Leah, are the present owners of the family operated business that was founded by Marmorstein's mother nearly 13 years ago.

Marmorstein explains that Little Shoe Palace is able to offer top name shoes like Minibels, Right Step, Sorel, Foamtreads, Weatherguards, Bonnie Stuart, L.A. Gear, Nike, Wildcats and Reebok at discounted prices because the company never works on a full price mark-up. Instead, they depend on turnover of merchandise.

What kind of savings does this translate into for the customer?

Marmorstein says that the savings can be anywhere from \$5 to \$8 to \$20 a pair.

In addition to price, Little Shoe Palace also specializes in fitting to perfection.

"No one walks away with a complaint," Marmorstein says proudly, adding that everyone on staff is a highly trained professional familiar with the problems children may have during the early stages of walking.

He adds that another strong area of the business is found in fitting baby's first shoes.

"We've gained such an enviable reputation doing this, literally starting off thousands of children on their first steps, that people come to us not only from Metro Toronto and surrounding areas but they also come from Kingston, Niagara Falls and other cities and towns across Ontario," he says proudly.

Little Shoe Palace is found in two locations — both open Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as weekdays. The first store can be found at 3189 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence). The second store, which also carries a full line of discounted children's wear, is located at 67 Doncaster Ave. in Thornhill.

"We carry all the latest styles at, of course, the lowest prices," Marmorstein says, adding that he guarantees that his prices are as low or lower than those found across the border.

He adds that Little Shoe Palace is the only children's shoe store that discounts all the time — it is not a one day gimmick or an answer to the harsh economy.

Little Shoe Palace has a vast selection of styles from which to choose. They carry casual shoes, dress shoes, running shoes (from the simplest to the most advanced), slippers, winter boots and rain boots. A full line of children's socks and hosiery is also available.

Positive note key to success

At a time when many retailers were wringing their hands and scratching their heads because of the poor economy and a feeling of gloom and doom permeated the business community, Meyer Katz opened a menswear store.

To say that most observers were surprised would be an understatement. In fact, the question being most asked was "What does Meyer Katz know that no-one else does?"

To get the answer, you need only pay a visit to Grant Mackenzies, the top end menswear store located in the Yorkville North shopping mall across from the Centre Point shopping centre, which opened four months ago.

"The fact of the matter," says Katz, is that it's all about the future. I sense a mood and a change in the consumer. Buyers want value for their money and they're replacing image with value. Everything is becoming more realistic and that's what Grant Mackenzies is geared to. The consumer today has changed his buying habits because his disposable income is no longer what it was in many cases and he's become more discerning."

Grant Mackenzies certainly fits the bill for the discerning buyer. Not only does it offer a full line of top quality menswear, but with a 30 percent discount across the board every day of the year, the value is certainly there.

"I don't have a crystal ball," con-

tinues Katz, "but I do have a belief in the future and I truly feel that all the gloom and doom of today has got to result in something positive. It's actually a bridge towards the hope of the future. If you start letting all this gloom get you down, it will defeat you and that's what's happened to a lot of people.

As for the great numbers of people going across the border to shop, Katz says that shoppers have a look at what they're buying to see if they really are getting a deal. "In menswear clothing, I don't think these people are fully aware of what comparable shopping really is. If they go to a store like Grant Mackenzies and buy a comparable suit, for instance, with our 30 percent discount they aren't getting a better deal, particularly if you add the cost and time to get there and back. Plus the service we provide, the convenience and our customers establish a relationship, which is very important."

Katz says it's the same if someone was shopping "right here in Toronto at a top end menswear store. If they're paying full price, they're paying more than they would at Grant Mackenzies."

Katz also points to the huge selection in his store, not only of merchandise, but of sizes. "It's no sense going into a store and liking something only to find out they don't have it in your size, particularly if you've driven all the way to Buffalo. Here we have everything from a 36 regular to 46 regular and all the sizes tall or short in between. We don't say: 'Come on in and we'll sell you a suit for \$299, but you might not find the size or color you want.' We've got it.

"I'm marketing to the mood of the people and that mood is that they need clothes, but they want value for their money, which means quality and at as low a price as possible."

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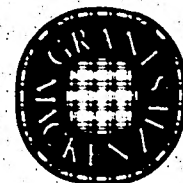
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Liquidation World turns the negative into positives

"People serving people" is one motto that is sure to attract attention, and right now, the motto and the attention belongs to Liquidation World.

Liquidation World is a firm founded by Calgary businessman Dale Gillespie five years ago.

Essentially, the company deals with distress merchandise — excess inventories, bankruptcies, fires, floods and natural disasters.

"While others are struggling during these economic times, we here at Liquidation World are turning the negatives into positives, the bad times into boom times," the firm's press release reads.

Last year *Profit* magazine described Gillespie's operation:

"...his company's success spins from new twists on an age-old technique. Traditionally, liquidators handle liquidations as they come up. They don't move merchandise from where it sits to where it will fetch the best price. And they don't have a network of permanent retail locations to serve the bargain-hunting public.

"Gillespie, a 25-year sales and marketing veteran, saw two flaws in this approach. Liquidators couldn't control their merchandise supply and single liquidation sales didn't offer enough of a product mix to draw crowds.

"To address these problems, Gillespie combined goods from several liquidations in warehouse-style retail and auction locations. The multi-chain required plenty of

capital but it solved the traditional liquidator's problem of limited markets."

Liquidation World now operates in seven locations throughout Canada. Two stores are found in Toronto — one at 122 Cartwright Ave. in North York and the second at 1310 Dundas St. E. in Mississauga.

Liquidation World provides prompt courteous service ranging from outright purchase, recovery guarantees, liquidation auction or a combination of these services to suit your situation.

Jonathan Hill, the Ontario area manager for Liquidation World, says that most of his products are "here today, gone tomorrow."

The gaining popularity of the store is due not only to the service offered but also because of the price.

Hill says that since they are working on behalf of another company to liquidate the products, they start at the best price available. The price of the item is researched and then Liquidation World markets the merchandise to sell at a lower price.

"If an item is marked at \$1, we will sell below that price. However, there is not a set mark down that applies across the board — it depends on the item," he says, adding that if the product still does not sell, they follow up with aggressive discounting until the item is purchased.

The merchandise is as varied as the prices and savings. Hill says they carry everything from basic food items, a large selection of paint, luggage, leather, hardware, clothing

and fashion accessories and housewares.

He explains that the large percentage of the merchandise is not damaged. But, in the event that this happens Hill says his staff sorts through the merchandise and disposes whatever items won't sell — maybe 20 percent of the load. They recover the other 80 percent and pass the savings on to the customer.

Hill cites a definite change in customer attitudes.

"A few years ago most customers were not proud of the fact that they had saved money by shopping at Liquidation World, but now, it's vogue to talk about how much

money you saved.

"The customer profile is changing and we're seeing a few more Mercedes' in the parking lot."

One significant development that will be occurring at Liquidation World within the next few months is the auction.

Hill explains that this service will be implemented as a regular in-store auction to clear large items and as a final sale stage. It will take place every Thursday evening and as a courtesy to customers an auction class will be held beforehand. Hill says the classes are for the benefit of those customers who are not familiar with the auction process.



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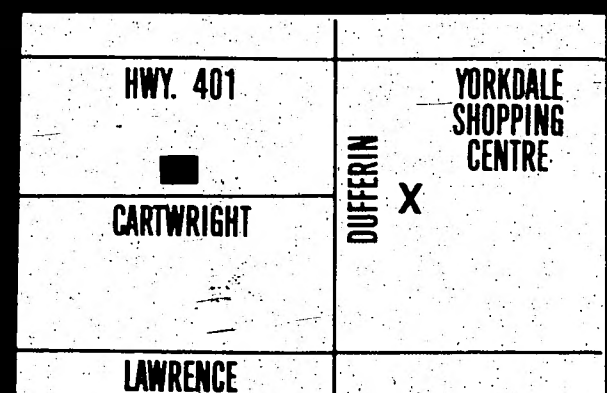
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From sleeping bags to canteens

Camp Connection fills outdoor needs

Where do you go before your kids go to summer camp? Camp Connection, of course.

Camp Connection, located in the Lawrence Plaza at Bathurst and Lawrence, is a one-stop shop that offers everything a camper needs to go to day or residential camp.

Bryan Gerber, who co-owns the store with Rick Howard, says that as well as all the camping equipment one can think of, from sleeping bags to canteens to towels and bedding, the store also specializes in what he calls disposable clothing. "These are warm, comfortable, good quality but inexpensive clothes, socks and underwear. So inexpensive, in fact, that parents do not mind if their kids don't bring them home."

He stresses however, that it is not just the parents that are happy with the clothes at Camp Connection. "We are a licensed company which means we sell products with trademark crests. Kids love wearing shirts with logos."

He says, "I can't repeat it enough that everything in our store is cheap in price but not in quality. We don't sell anything a parent would say is too good to send to camp."

Gerber says that one of the most difficult things in getting children ready for camp is deciding what they need and in what quantity. "We

pride ourselves on always having sales people available to help our customers choose exactly what they need. We make sure, however, that there are no high pressure sales. If people merely want to come in and wander around and see what we have, they are free to do so. We want people to feel comfortable and happy shopping in our store."

He adds that in order to make customers "really comfortable about shopping at Camp Connection, we have a strict money-back guarantee. We never want our customers to feel that they are stuck with an item they do not really want."

According to Gerber, always telling the truth is an essential part of good service. "If a customer tries on an outfit and we don't think it suits him, we will tell him. We do not gain anything by selling something that is really not suitable. The customer will only be unhappy."

He notes that come September, with camp behind them, students will be "very comfortable going to school in our sweats and jerseys. They can even pick up their back-to-school supplies at the same time."

Clothes at Camp Connection are available in children's size 2, right up to adult extra-extra large. As well, there are some infant sizes available.

Home Shelving offers organizers at the right prices

The Home Shelving Stores, now a division of Triple-A Manufacturing, were the first retail shelving stores in Ontario to specialize in home and office organizers 15 years ago.

"The strength of our company is our expertise," says Brenda Lass, general manager. "The shelving and organizers we create are much more advanced and high tech than anything you will find across the border."

The Home Shelving Stores carry the vinyl coated ventilated shelving for clothing closets, linen and pantries. Also the wire sliding baskets which are used to store toys or clothing at home, or in the office for stationery, supplies or filing. Their expertise is in melamine shelving.

"This is a little more deluxe," adds Lass. "It is a very solid particle board unit with a melamine laminate. It is customized, adjustable and very easy to clean."

"Our expertise also lies in steel shelving, which Triple-A manufactures," says Lass. "We have a Drive Under Garage Rack, which is quite unique. It is a very heavy gauged steel unit composed of pallet racking material, which is normally used for warehouse or industrial applications. We have modified it for consumer use. It is a two level unit that fits into your garage. It gives you 64 square feet of storage space and

uses less than four square feet of floor space. Four legs hold up two large four by eight levels of steel shelving that are adjustable.

"You simply adjust the lower level to just above the height of the hood of your car. The upper level can be adjusted to any height. It's great for lawn furniture, bicycles, lawn-mowers or garden tools. It's very easy to install, or Home Shelving will do it for you. The unit is free standing, so you can take it with you when you move. It is available in one or two sizes."

Home Shelving also carries heavy duty steel shelving, which is great for storage in basements or garages. It is very versatile and is available in different heights, widths and depths and number of shelves per unit. It is not widely available at the retail level, but because Triple-A manufactures it, Home Shelving carries the best selection.

"As the manufacturer and the retailer," says Lass, "we control the quality and the price. Our customers are getting the service they want, at the price they want to pay. Retailers in Buffalo are not equipped to handle what we have to offer."

Home Shelving Stores are located at 100 Doncaster Ave. in Thornhill or their new factory outlet store at Triple-A Manufacturing at 44 Milner Ave. in Scarborough.



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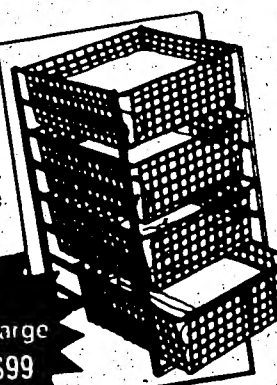
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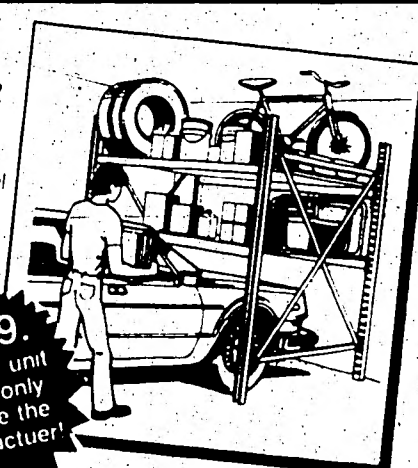
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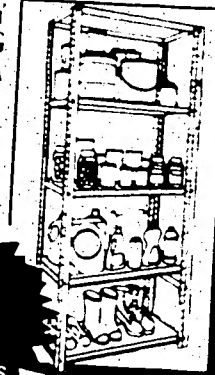
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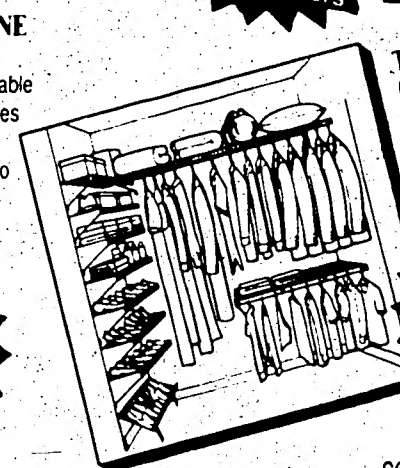
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If you happen to be around the Steeles and Woodbine area in Markham you might smell something — well, a little bit fishy.

At Seafood Warehouse Wholesale Club you can buy the best seafood at the lowest price. "My ambition as president and CEO of the company is to create the lowest prices in Canada and get consumers to eat quality seafood at half the price," said Henry Ender. "The customer demands quality and I sell Cadillac merchandise at the lowest price."

Ender believes in the holy trinity of business. In addition to the best quality and lowest price, Ender said customer service is as important. "Our staff is extremely knowledgeable and is able to answer any questions a client might have."

Seafood Warehouse will not be undersold and guarantees its products, allowing customers to return any fish they're not satisfied with, no questions asked. Ender says treating customers right is best because "the best advertisements come from a customer."

"People come to our warehouse

from all over," despite its remote location at 161 Denison St. "There must be a good reason for that. If you stand behind the product and treat the customers well," you will be successful in any business.

Seafood Warehouse specializes in lox (smoked salmon). The company buys the fish from B.C. and ships the finished product, already smoked, to Ontario. This keeps the cost down, Ender says, because the fishing and smoking knowhow is better in Vancouver than Toronto. "Ontario smokers find it impossible to compete with B.C. smokers."

By keeping his prices low, Ender says a customer can eat a high-ticket item more frequently.

This is important these days when people are more health conscious. Research shows that salmon has few calories, is complete in protein, lowers blood cholesterol and, if eaten three times a week, could reduce heart disease.

This was one of the reasons Ender got into selling fish. "Ten to 15 years ago I could see the growth of the fish market," he says. "I could see fish

was the thing to get into."

Once an accountant, Ender realized early in life that he'd rather count his own money than someone else's. After opening the North Kensington Market Shop and Central Smoked Fish, he decided to specialize in smoked salmon and opened Seafood Warehouse which is open daily.

Cooking instructions provided

He says he is successful because he has a very unorthodox approach. "I do a lot of crazy things like innovating packaging or pricing techniques that other people say won't work."

Ender says his busiest time is around the holidays but summer is popular with those who love to barbecue. But as any good businessman, Ender wants to create a 12-month market for his lox. "Fish

is beneficial to your health," he says. "Not only is it good for you, it's delicious. It should be part of your diet."

Because salmon is only caught in the summer, Ender makes sure he has enough to freeze for winter. This, too, keeps the prices down.

"I buy lots of seafood (in prime season) at the lowest prices. This secures the price for the rest of the year."

The customer may not care about salmon seasons and wants to buy it whenever he feels like it. "So I make sure I don't run out. If there are shortages though," Ender adds, "I can get it."

What makes smoked salmon so popular is it's all ready to serve. All you do is defrost it, put it on a bagel with cream cheese add tomato and onion and *viola* — instant lunch.

If you're cooking fish, say a salmon steak, Ender says the key to good fish is never overcook.

"To neutralize that fish smell, just dip it in milk." For those who love fish but can't cook it, don't fret. "We provide cooking instructions and recipes," Ender says.

Optimistic report from California Closets

The recession continues to cast a gloomy shadow over the Canadian economy, but Patti Smaltz is optimistic about the future of California Closets, the store in Concord, Ont. that she and her brother, Randy, have operated since 1989.

"It's been a slow year, but we've been doing what's been necessary

to get by," she says. "We've cut-back where we've had to, in material and service costs."

Thanks to their ingenuity, the Smaltzes have managed to keep people interested in expanding their closet space with the help of California Closets.

Patti says she can expand the us-

able space of a closet from eight to 10 feet by inserting shelves, drawers, dividers, hangers and other accessories made of three-quarter inch industrial grade melamine.

Not all their work is in the closet, however. Patti and Randy also reorganize office space, lawn and garden storage areas, and home entertainment centres.

Their store is part of a Massachusetts-based franchise that has outlets in New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the United States and

other parts of Canada. Every California Closets store offers the same service, says Patti, referring to a 10-year guarantee on materials and installation.

California Closets also offers a Do-it-Yourself package through which the customer assembles the shelves (and accessories) himself, effectively saving 20 per cent on installation costs, and because these shelving units are re-adjustable, the closet can be easily re-organized years after purchase.

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Eurocan corners seating settings

"How can you compare our products or prices to anything available across the border?" ask Randy Simon and Steve Biderman, owners of Eurocan Furnishings Ltd.

Eurocan Furnishings Ltd. is a manufacturer, wholesaler and importer of chairs, tables and stools for both household and commercial uses. Its products are crafted with heavy duty materials and are produced to commercial specifications.

"Our company has always mass produced large contract orders for hotels, restaurants and contractors," says Simon. "We have never at any time in the first two years of business, been open to the direct public.

"People started to wander into our showroom (which at the time did not even resemble any type of consumer display) and make requests for individual stool pieces, kitchen sets and other types of custom orders. The requests multiplied, and for the past year, we have added retailer to our list of services."

Top service

Opening a factory direct outlet has been great for Eurocan. People express opinions about its products and this gives the owners insight into what the consumer really wants. They are constantly updating their

finishes, colors, upholstery and fabrics. The choices are endless. They offer hundreds of samples to choose from.

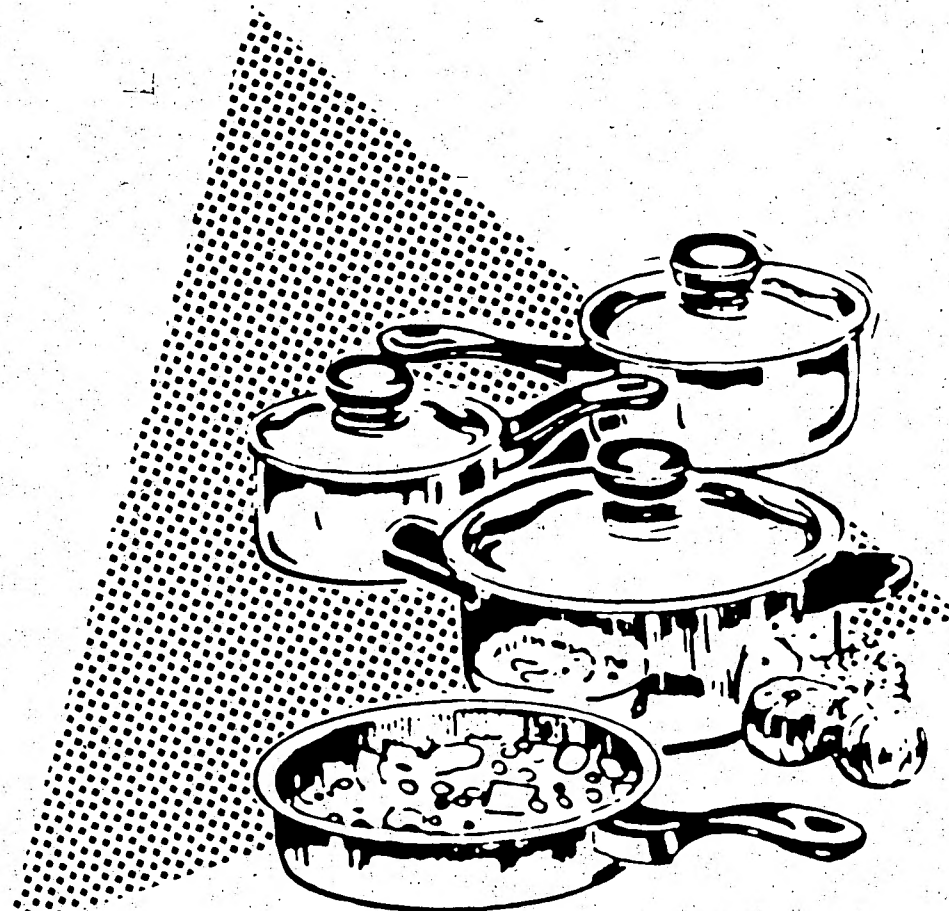
Eurocan is located in an area surrounded by larger homes, and have been receiving requests for custom made kitchen sets seating up to 14 people. They will still, however, make 2-seater sets for condominium dwellers.

Updated lines

"We are the manufacturer," says Simon, "which means we set the price based on cost of labor and materials. No retailer can do this, not in Canada and certainly not in the United States."

"At Eurocan, the public will receive the same service we extend to our commercial customers — excellent," adds Biderman. "Our orders are done quickly with no compromise in quality. The public is getting a commercially built product for far below the average retail price."

Eurocan Furnishings is located at 55 West Beaver Creek Rd., Unit 7, in Richmond Hill. The factory direct outlet is open from Monday to Friday at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call them at 886-6766.



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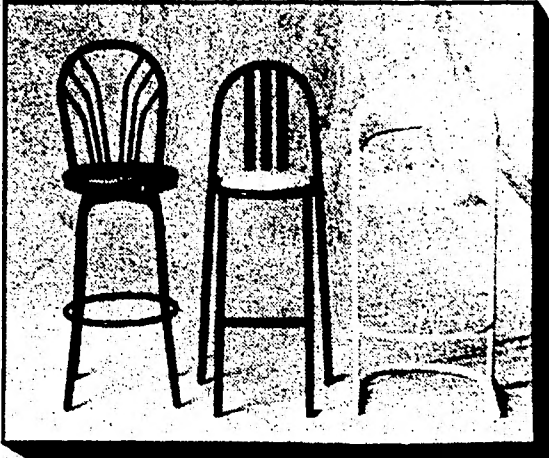
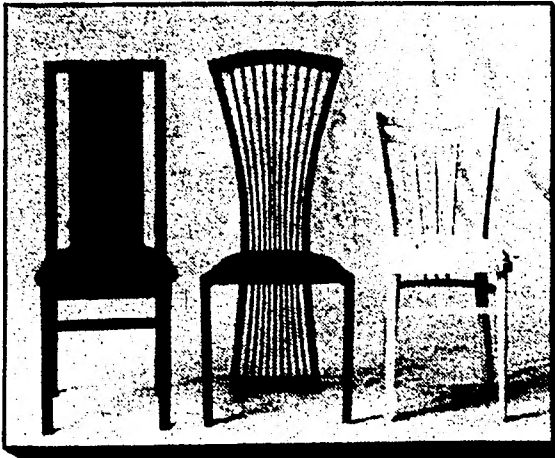
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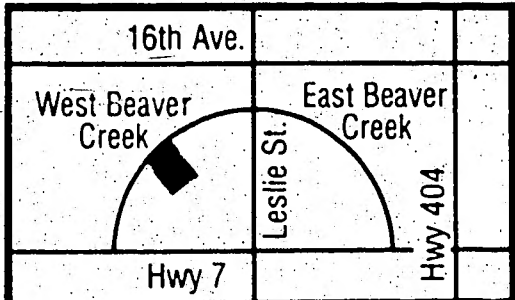
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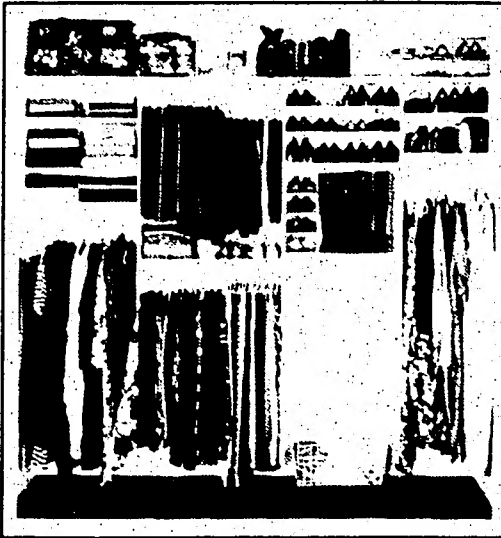
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All styles: Slack's is cash in the pocket

Full service, a wide variety of children's clothes from newborn to size 16 and wholesale prices are the policies of Slack's Wholesale Ltd. located at 1027 Finch Ave. W. near Dufferin.

Slacks, which was opened 35 years ago on Spadina by Isaac and Bertha Shlagbaum is now run by their son Marty.

Sales manager Tony Damore says that because Slack's buys in quantities "we can afford to sell our clothes at 30 to 40 percent less than retail stores. In this troubled economy quality clothes at lower prices is uppermost on everyone's minds."

She adds that what makes Slack's even more appealing is that sales people are always available to help mom or dad put their children's wardrobe together. "Parents are often lost when they walk into a store brimming with merchandise. They like what they see but they don't know how to go about piecing together various outfits. When they come in here, however, we rescue

them and help them put together a basic mix and match wardrobe perfect for the season at hand."

Even new moms and moms-to-be benefit from Slack's service because the store not only carries a full layette for babies, from crib sheets to towels to sleepers, sales personnel are able to assist them in choosing exactly what they need in the right quantity. "That certainly beats guessing how much of this and how much of that the mom-to-be really needs," says Damore.

Damore says this year more and more kids are wearing a miniature of adult clothing. "Neons are not quite as strong anymore and traditional colors such as red, blue, yellow and purple are in. That makes things quite easy when they try to put together a wardrobe. A pair of navy or red stirrup pants can go a long way when matched up with T-shirts and sweatshirts in a variety of colors."

Damore stresses that quality and practicality are what parents are aiming for this year. "Most parents cannot just go out and buy a frivolous piece of clothing for their son or daughter. They want to know that the piece they buy will not only last, but will blend with the rest of a child's wardrobe. As well, in most cases, parents want to be able to pass a good article down to other kids, so what they are looking for are clothes that can really take a beating."

She says that "last but not least parents are looking for a store that can cater to all their clothing needs from underwear to outerwear. Moms who work outside the home do not have the time to run from store to store and are thrilled to walk into a one-stop shop. Except for shoes, there is not an article of clothing that we do not carry."

Designer Sale Studio offers international fashions

Bargain hunters with a keen eye for fashion continue to have year-round access to the very top Italian and French labels at severely reduced prices at Designer Sale Studio.

Prices are 50 to 70 percent less than the garment's original retail value. The store offers lines from last season's collections, brought directly from sources in Europe. The concept stems from a formula that has proven successful in the United States, Italy and for the first two Designer Sale Studio stores in London, England.

A professional team of buyers use their savvy and superb sense of taste to secure these collections. As a result, Designer Sale Studio offers its clientele a wide selection of carefully co-ordinated clothing, rather

than the limited or picked over end-of-season odd or flawed pieces found at discount or clearance stores.

In addition, the store produces its own line of clothing in Italy to complement the designer name collections and current trends.

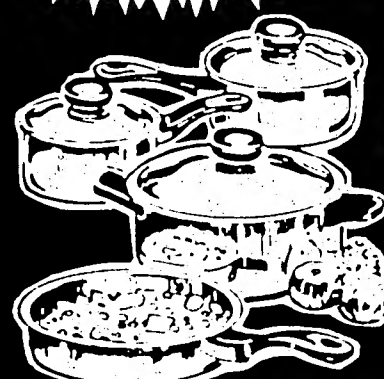
While a fabulous concept at any time, it is particularly alluring given the current fashion retail climate.

What Designer Sale Studio offers women is a wide choice of high fashion, European designer clothing in pleasant surroundings, at very affordable prices.

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Company targets customer service

Unlike traditional furniture stores, Martin Daniel Interiors provides more than furniture. In addition to quality furniture, it offers an interior design service to help you make sure your house looks its best.

The store offers a service policy that includes a specified 48-hour resolution of any problems. Simone's sister-in-law Ginette, a trained interior designer, furnishes the store's beautiful interior and offers in-home advice to clients.

"We specialize in contemporary furniture, as opposed to traditional furniture," Simone says of the many items for sale in his 1,800 square-metre (20,000 square-foot) building. "All our furniture is imported from Italy. It is high-end furniture."

Most of the furniture is made from lacquer and different woods. Martin Daniel Interiors also imports leather and alabaster stone tables.

Because the furniture is Italian, customers can be sure they're getting a quality product. "Italian furniture is known for its design and quality. Local manufacturers can't provide the same look and quality," Simone claims. "Our furniture is very well made and unique in design."

Martin Daniel Interiors keeps up with the latest fashions, importing all the latest styles and models. In fact just this month it has just changed over its inventory to the latest Italian models. "We've got lots of new furniture," he said.

At this time of year, future spring brides are getting ready for the big move and the most popular items are bedroom furniture. In addition to beds and dressers, Martin Daniel Interiors sells a full line of accessories.

Each of the showrooms in the store has a bedroom or dining room decorated in complete settings and colors giving customers a real feeling of how the furniture will look in their home.

"Our clients are people who are moving to a larger home or upgrading their home," Simone says. "Or sometimes they're people who had traditional furniture all their lives and are looking for something lighter and softer." Many of his customers are repeat or referred clients.

Although the economy is in a recession, Simone "can't complain" with the way business is going. He said because of the quality of its products and clients (many of whom are professionals) Martin Daniel Interiors doesn't feel the recession as much as a company catering to a low-end product.

Martin Daniel Interiors is in the middle of a winter sale and the time may be perfect to buy that new bedroom you've been talking about for so long.

Grant's offers value

Ever since its beginnings, Grant's Fine China & Gifts has been a family-owned business which has sought to locate at the meeting grounds of its target clientele.

During the '40s and '50s, it was located both at Bloor Street and College Street. Thereafter, a constantly northeastern migration of its customer base led Grant's to Eglinton Avenue West, Yonge Street and north Leslie Street.

During the '80s, it became increasingly clear that a suburban clientele preferred the conveniences of the covered mall — with its climate control, ease of parking and huge selection. Grant's began to search for the ideal destination.

This was no easy task because Grant's needed to find a mall whose management understood the needs of a vendor seeking to offer affordable prices on fine tableware and gifts.

The mall's management recognized a perfect fit in terms of clientele served, product quality offered and price promotion philosophy. A review of operations to date indi-

cates that the management at Bayview have indeed made an excellent choice.

Some of the services Grant's has introduced to its clientele over the years include a bridal registry, international shipping services, a discontinued matching service, insurance appraisal, silver repair and replating, commercial accounts, corporate gift programs, a gift wrapping service and delivery.

Pricing plays a key role

Grant's also carries brand name tableware at exceptionally low prices. Some of the names included in the lineup are Mikasa, Rosenthal, Villeroy & Boch, Wedgewood, Doulton, Spode, Worcester, and Fitz & Floyd.

Grant's has always concentrated on giving good value to consumers.

"Discount pricing proved to be the correct strategy for 1991," says

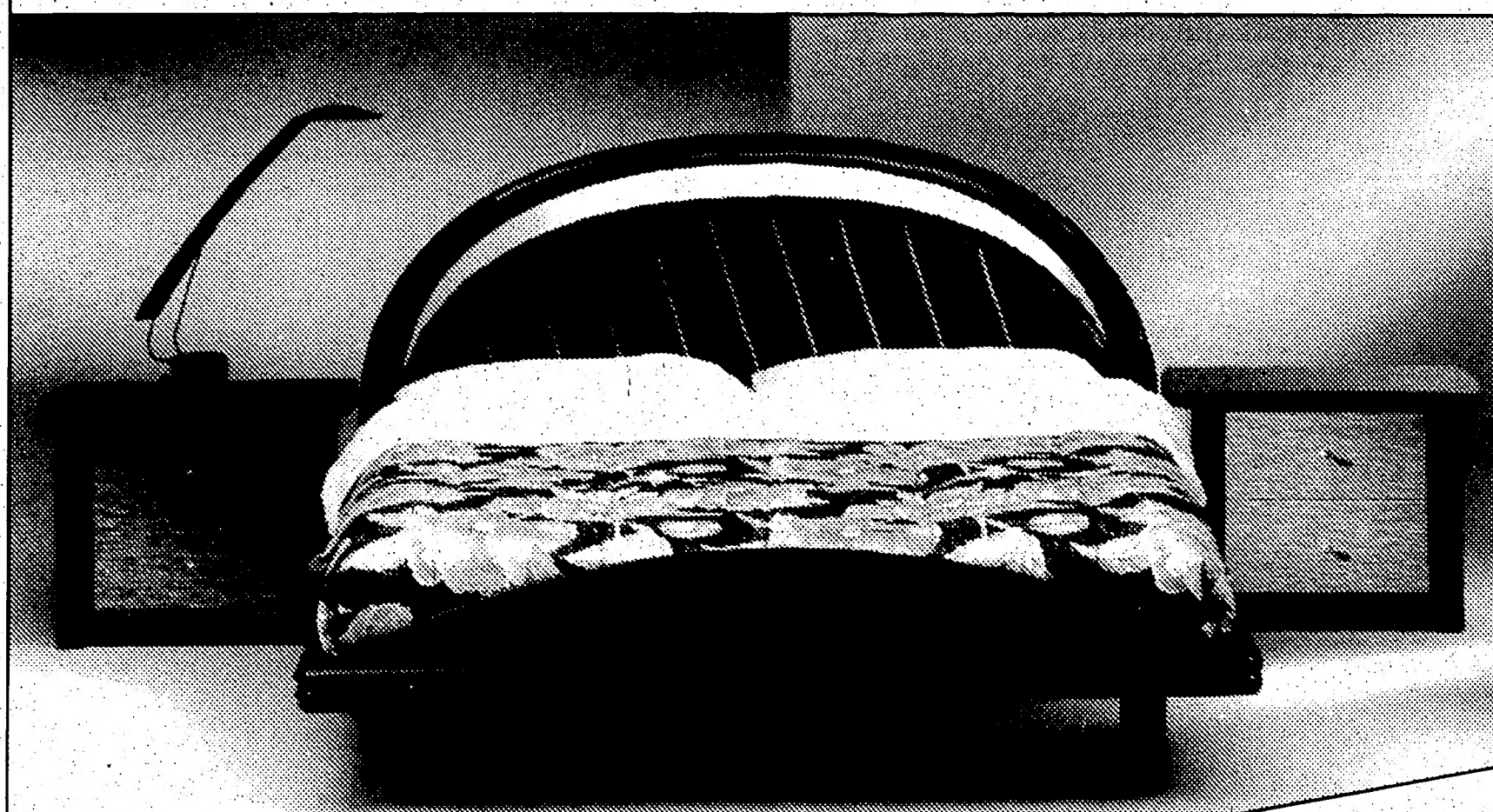
Michael Dombrow, the store owner. "We look forward to an even better pricing scheme in 1992. It's no secret that economic conditions are tough world-wide and being successful means conveying the message of good value to customers. Any manufacturer who does not agree with this view point has no place in our operation."

According to Dombrow, the consumer's idea of value is high quality products available at realistic prices.

"Gone are the days when a comparable product was considered better because its selling price was higher. Gone are the days when a comparable product was considered superior solely by virtue of its name brand. These were symptoms of conspicuous consumption which are fading in the conservative atmosphere of the early '90s."

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DeBoer's: class act

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previously been quite traditional in their decorating tastes, eventually responded well to the clean lines of European-designed furniture.

DeBoer's son John, who handles most operations of the family-run company that now consists of five stores, continues his father's commitment to offer varied and unusual furniture styles at reasonable prices.

"We wander literally all over the world to buy our furniture. The bulk of it is Canadian, but we supplement it with products from the United States, Europe, South America and the Far East," says John DeBoer.

DeBoer says that most Canadians are quite receptive to contemporary furniture styles and "being in the forefront of the business, we try to be innovative. I wouldn't use the word educate, but we try to make people aware of what's out there."

He says that in order to maintain "a full line of contemporary and often unique furniture, DeBoer's is continually scanning the design horizons for the latest trends in color, style, texture and materials."

Sally Van Camp, marketing manager for DeBoer's, says that new furniture collections are introduced each fall and spring and the "classic rough-hewn yet chic southwest style furniture that was introduced in 1987 is now more popular than ever.

"This spring we will introduce a collection of slip-covered seating we call shabby chic as well as a new urban primitive collection that will be available in bedrooms, diningrooms and accent pieces. For those less in-

terested in contemporary styles, DeBoer's also offers many classic, timeless items such as 18th century suites, and another constant is its leather galleries," says Van Camp.

Furniture shoppers who may have some trouble picturing how an individual sofa or chair will fit into their home will be pleased to note that DeBoer's gives customers a fuller appreciation of the furniture by presenting concepts rather than individual pieces. This also serves to help them see how particular accent pieces actually accent the furniture.

The most inexperienced furniture shoppers will benefit by DeBoer's experienced salespeople, who not only have a strong background in furniture and design but continue to upgrade their knowledge and skill. "This is so important, because furniture is a big purchase and customers want to be able to ask questions and get educated answers," says Van Camp.

Even better news for customers is that the service does not end when the sale is made. DeBoer's offers full service by delivering, assembling and even arranging the furniture. "Most people do not want to be confronted with a room so full of new furniture that they are not sure how to arrange. Even worse is to receive it in pieces that they do not know how to put together. We solve all those problems," says Van Camp.

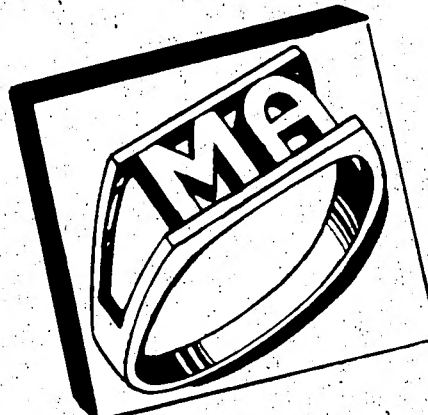
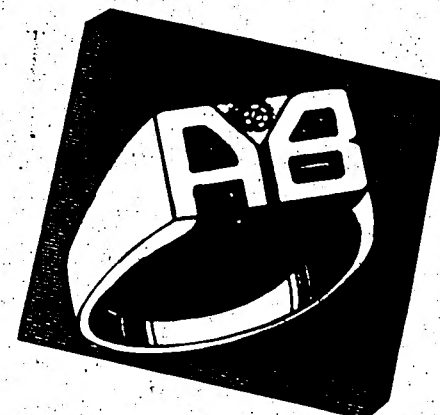
DeBoer's has five locations in the Metro area: at 5051 Yonge St. in North York, Scarborough Town Centre, Dundas St. W. in Mississauga, Pickering's Design Centre and College Park at College and Yonge.



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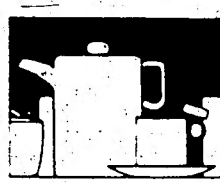
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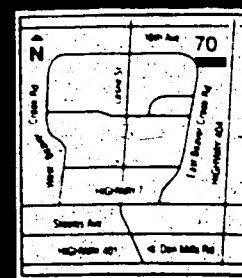
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